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20th "	ARABIA	7903	MOLDAVIA ...	9777
27th "	ORIENTAL	5284		
5th Mar.	PERSIA	7951	ARCADIA	9603
12th "	PENINSULAR ...	5294		
19th "	MACEDONIA	10500	AUSTRALIA...	9501
26th "	ORIENTAL	5284		
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7553		
9th "	PENINSULAR ...	5294	OCEANA	9510
16th "	EGYPT	7912		
23rd "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA ...	9500
30th "	ARABIA	7903		
7th May	PENINSULAR ..	5291	CHINA.....	7913
14th "	MOLDAVIA	9777		
21st "	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA...	6898
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J. BEGBIE,
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Bombay, 8th February, 1904.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration de bonis non with the Will annexed of BACHOOBAI, widow of EDULJI PALLONJI CHOKSEY, late of Bombay, Parsi, deceased.

PALLONJI RUSTOMJI CHOKSEY, alias KOOTAR, the Step Grandson of and one of the Legatees under the Will of the abovenamed deceased.........Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, K.C.I.E., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the Twenty-third Day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, and in the fourth year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI,
Registrar.

Seal of the High Court of Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI,
The 23rd day of January, 1904.
Messrs. PESTANJEE, RUSTIM, and KOLA,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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N. C. MACLEOD,
Official Assignee of Bombay.

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Mess President, 121st Pioneers.
8th February, 1904.

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1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1903.
2nd.—To elect Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.
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By Order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
Secretaries, Managers, and Agents.
Bombay, 3rd February, 1904.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

ARMY AND NAVY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD., BOMBAY.

MEMBERS are informed that the ANNUAL PRICE LIST will be ISSUED on the 1st of October instead of the 1st of June. A SPECIAL SUMMER CIRCULAR will be ISSUED on June 1st.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 18th February 1904, at 3 p. m., for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Memoranda from the Secretary, Bombay Improvement Trust—Forwarding excerpts from the proceedings of the Trustees' Meetings.
2. Letter from the Honourable Mr. Daji Abaji Khare—Requesting leave of absence from the meetings of the Corporation for three months.
3. Memorandum from the Commissioner—Reporting that no new milch cattle stable in any crowded locality has been licensed during the half-year ending 31st December, 1903.
4. Letter from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee—Forwarding excerpts from the proceedings of the Committee's Meeting held on the 13th January 1904.
5. Memorandum from the Commissioner—Forwarding a Government Resolution reappointing Mr. C. P. R. Young, B.A., Bar.-at-Law, as President of the Tribunal of Appeal for one year.

Government Letters—
6. Intimating the renomination of the Honourable Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, C.I.E., M.A., to be an Additional Member of the Legislative Council.
7. Intimating the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola to be a member of the Committee appointed to consider the location of additional overbridges between the French Bridge and Colaba.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—
8. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs. 1,350 to meet the cost of repairing the road from the Chimbur Road to the shed at Coorla where carcasses of dead animals are skinned.
9. Sanctioning, subject to Corporation's orders, a budget transfer of Rs. 1,150 to meet excess expenditure in the Executive Engineer's Department due to a change in the system of debiting salaries of acting incumbents.
10. Sanctioning, subject to Corporation's orders, a budget transfer of Rs. 1,227-6-9 to meet excess expenditure due to the salary of the new Executive Engineer having to be paid from the date on which he started for Bombay.
11. Recommending sanction to a grant of Rs. 10-11-5 for payment of a portion of the pension due to the late Personal Assistant to the Commissioner.
12. Recommending sanction to the adoption of the revised estimates of expenditure on Loan Works during 1903-1904 as shown in the Budget for 1904-1905.
13. Recommending sanction to the employment of 3 additional Ward Clerks and 6 additional Registration clerks and to a grant of Rs 400 to meet the cost of the Establishment for March 1904; and Sanctioning, subject to Corporation's orders a budget trasfer of Rs. 613-5-8 to meet the cost of the proposed Establishment from 15th January to 29th February 1904.
14. Recommending sanction to a fresh grant of Rs. 81-2-8 for payment of pension due to a late Municipal Pensioner.
15. Forwarding, for consideration, a letter from Mr. Jehangtrjee Bomanjee Mistry and others, commenting on the decision of the Corporation on their complaint regarding the danger arising from houses declared U. H., H. [illegible] Bomanji Lane.
16. Forwarding a letter from the Commissioner, with the Municipal Solicitors' letter received therewith, regarding the contribution payable by the Corporation for primary educational view of the enhanced Government contribution and expressing concurrence in the Commissioner's opinion that the course indicated by the Solicitors should be followed.
17. Forwarding for information a letter from the Commissioner reporting that he has sanctioned the provision of two incandescent gas lamps on the road to the south of Sassoon Dock from the Gas Lighting Contingent Grant for 1903-1904.
18. Forwarding, for orders, a letter from the Commissioner on the proposal to acquire Mr. Fakirji Dadabhoy Kavarana's property in Bhoiwar Lane, Fort, part of which falls within the improvement line of the street.
19. Recommending that a letter from Mr. Hakim Abdul karim Moosakhan regarding the fixing of a meter to the water connection of his bungalow at Elphinstone Road, be forwarded to the Commissioner for disposal.
20. Recommending sanction to an advance of Rs. 1,400 to meet the cost for the next month of utilizing the services of the basket halalkhores for cleansing house gullies in the afternoon.
21. Memorandum from the Municipal Secretary—Reporting budget transfers sanctioned by the Standing Committee from the 30th December 1903 to the 3rd February 1904.

Letters from the Commissioner—
22. Reporting as to necessary increase in the minor staff and the conservancy carts in the Health Department.
23. Reporting as to the condition, &c., of dust-bin carts in the City.
24. Recommending for adoption the Executive Engineer's proposal to alter the improvement line of 1st Marine Street.
25. Reporting as to the proposal to revert to the direct supply of water to Mazagon.
26. Forwarding the Executive Health Officer's report regarding halalkhore service in the City.
27. Forwarding a return of houses visited, &c., for the purposes of the Epidemic Diseases Act, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1903.
28. Forwarding a report on the subject of the lighting of the Fitzgerald Lamp Column and the supply of water to the Fountain.
29. Forwarding returns of sick treated in the Arthur Road, Maratha and Modikhana Hospitals, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1903.
30. Forwarding statements regarding the cleansing of sewers and drains of the city during the quarter ending 31st December, 1903.

Government letters—
31. Enquiring whether the Corporation would concur in the appointment of Mr. C. E. Stevens to fix, for the next quinquennium, the rateable value of Government buildings and lands in the City.
32. Explaining the proposed new arrangement for the inspection of primary schools in the City.

Letters from the Commissioner—
33. Requesting sanction to Mr. Khalap Bulha being permitted, subject to certain conditions, to construct two roadways across the Vehar Main near Coorla Station.
34. Forwarding a return showing appeals against assessment.
35. Forwarding a statement of houses portions of which were constructed without approval.

Reports of Committees of the Corporation—
36. Regarding the Bombay Improvement Trust's Scheme for the Board's Connaught Road Estate,
37. Regarding the Bombay Improvement Trust's Street Scheme on the Cooperage and Wellington Lines Estate and Police Accommodation Scheme at Sepher Road.
38. Regarding the question of making a representation to the Bombay Improvement Trust for reserving the Crescent site as an open space.
39. Regarding the legality and scope of the Water Rules framed by the Standing Committee.
40. Regarding a suggestion made by the Special Officer for ascertaining consumption and waste of water.
41. Regarding proposals for improving the road alignment opposite the Victoria Terminus.
42. Regarding the charges incurred by the Municipality on the sanitary arrangements of premises belonging to private parties.
43. Regarding the removal of offal and refuse from the Bandora Slaughter-Houses.
44. Regarding the requirements of the Hindu Burning and Burial grounds at Mahim and Worli.
45. Regarding accommodation for Homeless Lepers.
46. Regarding the widening of Carpenter Street.
47. Regarding proposed amendments in the Municipal Act in respect of drains and drainage works in the City.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

48. From Mr. Dinsha Bomanji Pestonji Master—For obtaining a report as to the condition, &c., of the storm-water drains.
49-50. From Mr. Nadirshaw H. E. Sukhia—(49) For obtaining quarterly returns showing Councillors' attendance at Corporation meetings and the time occupied by them in making speeches. (50) For obtaining a certified copy of the proceedings of the case in which a Municipal Sub-Inspector was convicted by the Second Presidency Magistrate for receiving illegal gratification: and for expressing opinion that the discretionary powers vested in the Commissioner should not be delegated to subordinate officers, &c.
51. From Mr. Dinsha Bomanji Pestonji Master—For making a grant of Rs. 2,500 for 1904-1905 to the Bombay Sanitary Association.
52. From Mr. N. N. Katrak—For requesting the Commissioner to proceed at once with the construction of the proposed underground urinal at the junction of Hornby and Cruickshank Roads.
53. From Rao Bahadur Dhackji Kashinathji—For obtaining a report as to the condition of the tank behind the old Government House at Parel.
54. From Mr. K. E. Dadachanji—For obtaining a report as to the advisability of altering the boundaries of the wards of the city and reapportioning the number of councillors to be elected for each ward.

M. N. WADIA,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 9th February, 1904.

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Hony. Secretary.
Bombay, Kandeway, 3rd February, 1904.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Rooms of the Chamber, Graham's Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1904, to transact the following business:—
1. To receive the Report of the outgoing Committee.
2. To confirm the nomination of the Members of the new Committee made in accordance with Section 12 of Rule VII.
3. To confirm the following Resolution—That Myrabollam Powder be added to the Chamber's Tonnage Schedule and the Scale be fixed at 15 cwt to the Steamer Ton.
4. To confirm the following Resolution—That Rule XII of the Chamber's Measurement Rules be rescinded and the following substituted—XII. Certificates of Measurement shall be issued to Shippers and or to Ship Agents in such form and in such manner as the Committee for the time being shall from time to time provide.
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By Order of the Committee,
FREDERICK NOEL-PATON,
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Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, 10th February, 1904.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

By order of the Trustees to the Estate of Esa Hajee Abubakar and Esa Haji Abubakar and Co. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at Bank Street, Fort, near the Bombay Bank, THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 1 p.m. the following fancy goods, suitable for presents consisting of handsome majolica flower vases, jardiniers garden pots, stands, mirror brackets, bentwood tables, sofas, hat stands, centre-pieces terra-cotta figures, large musical box with spare rollers, handsome cut glass, 8, 6, and 4 light gas chandeliers &c.
The property is now on view.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., the effects of the late Mr. H. Kiddle, consisting of tables, chairs, dumbwaiter, cots, clock, enamelled ware, wearing apparel, &c.
The effects of the late Ghella Curson and Bai Moti, consisting of furniture, brass utensils, &c.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the small Gibbs Road, Malabar Hill, behind the Reservoir and near the Church, the valuable and neat teakwood French-pol shed dining room, drawing room and bedroom furniture, made to order by Dewji Canji, crockery and glassware, Amritsar and other carpets, Windproof standing and table lamps, pictures, rubber tyred light victoria by A. Williams 2 powerful bay waler horses, going in single harness and saddle sets of harness, garden pots, etc., the property of C. TULLOCH, Esq.
Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.
Bombay, 9th February, 1904.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

On SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong victoria in very good order.
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham in very good order.
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram in very good order.
1 grey Arab quiet in harness and saddle.
1 Bay pony, quiet in harness.
1 Bay waler gelding, 6 years, 16-1, broken to single and double harness and saddle, fine upstanding horse.
1 Bay waler gelding, 8 years, 16-1, broken to single and double harness and saddle. Powerful and fine mover.
These two horses would make a grand pair.

BONA FIDE SALE.

On MONDAY, the 15th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Altamont Road, Cumballa Hill, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood, plain and carved household furniture, almyrahs cupboards, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, brass and iron double bedsteads with coir mattresses, sideboards, table and hanging lamps, rich carpets, Singapore cane furniture musical box, lady's and gentleman bicycles, one handsome strong victoria suitable for single or pair in very good order, etc. etc. the property of W. C. SYMES, Esq.
Catalogues will be published and the property on view two days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.
Bombay, 10th February, 1904.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT THE WEST SIDE OF PORTUGUESE CHURCH ROAD AT MAHIM AND AT MATOONGA.

By order of Hormusjee Sorabjee Mehta and Meherbai, wife of the said Hormusjee Sorabjee, the Mortgagees, under the indenture of mortgage, dated the 15th day of December, 1902, will pursuant to the power of sale vested in them by the said Indenture cause the following immoveable properties belonging to Anna Domingo Miranda and Domingo Francis Miranda, the mortgagors under the said indenture to be sold by public Auction by Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co., Auctioneers, in two lots on the premises, Lot No. 1 on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February, 1904, at 4-30 p.m., and Lot No. 2 on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1904, at 4-30 p.m.

LOT NO. I.

All that piece or parcel of land of pension and tax tenure containing by admeasurement nine thousand six hundred and five square yards or thereabouts, and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 290, 214, new No. 3984, 3984, old survey No. 317, new survey No. 1477, together with the tenements and buildings thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under G. Ward Nos. 4326, 4327, 4328, 4329 and 4330, Street Nos. 684, 687, 688 689 and 690, all which premises are situate at and on the west side of Portuguese Church Road at Mahim, Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and are bounded on or towards the west by a public passage, on or towards the north by the property of Anna Abrio and Domingos Valles, and on or towards the south by a public tank and are now in the occupation of the said mortgagors and their tenants.

LOT NO. II.

All that piece or parcel of land or batty field, situate at Matoonga in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement six thousand and sixty-three square yards or thereabouts registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 97, new survey No. 1-2-3 788, and bounded on the east and south by the Roman Catholic Cemetery, on the west by the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company's Line, on or towards the north by the batty fields of Narayan Nathoo Soobedar, together with their appurtenances.
For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Manekshal, Jamsetji, and Hiralal, Solicitors of the Vendors, or to the undersigned.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.
Bombay, 9th February, 1904.

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For BILIOUSNESS, SICK HEADACHES, INDIGESTION, as a Purgative, 2 to 3 Pills on going to bed,

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BANKS.

BANK OF CALCUTTA, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.

Subscribed...	Rs. 15,00,000
Reserved Fund	„ 16,00,000
Uncalled Capital ...	„ 5,00,000

DIRECTORS:

Mr. D. YULE, Messrs. Andrew Yule & Co.
„ H. R. McINNES, Messrs. J. Thomas & Co.
„ NORMAN McLEOD, Messrs. McLeod & Co.
„ D. KING.
„ J. C. SPEIRS.

MANAGING DIRECTOR.
Mr. D. KING

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the following terms:—
2 % per annum allowed on daily balances
or
2½ „ „ minimum monthly balances
at the option of Depositors to be declared when opening accounts.

FIXED DEPOSITS received at the following rates of interest:—

	Per Annum.
For 2 Years...	5 per cent.
„ 1 Year	4½ „
„ 6 Months	4 „
„ 3 „	3 „

The Bank offers special facilities and advice to Constituents as to the purchase and sale of all Indian Securities, particularly the Shares and Debenture Stocks of Jute, Cotton, Tea, and Miscellaneous Industrial Concerns.

The Bank is prepared to guarantee the principal and interest of Debentures on its approved list, on terms which may be ascertained on application. Absentee shareholders' and investors' interests carefully watched.

Orders executed on the London Stock Exchange through London Branch.

For further information, apply to—

J. C. SPEIRS, Agent.

Calcutta, 30th September, 1903.

LONDON BRANCH
Great Winchester Street E.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital ...	$ 100,00,000
Sterling Reserve Fund ...	$ 100,00,000
Silver Reserve Fund ...	$ 60,00,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ...	$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG:
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

London Bankers,—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY Ld.,

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FOOCHOW.	NEW YORK.	TIENTSIN.
HAMBURG.	PEKING.	YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half yearly.

FIXED DEPOSITS

Are received for 12 months at 4 per cent. per annum and for shorter periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Credits granted on approved Securities and every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial place in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

W. ADAMS ORAM, Acting Agent.
7, Church Gate Street, Bombay.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, Ld.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL...	Yens 24,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL...	„ 18,000,000
ORDINARY RESERVE FUND	„ 9,210,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FOR SILVER FUNDS...	„ 400,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

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LONDON BANKERS:—

THE BANK OF ENGLAND; THE LONDON and JOINT STOCK BANK LD.; THE UNION OF LONDON and SMITH'S BANK LD.; THE PARR'S BANK LD.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World.

Y. MATSUO, Manager.
Albert Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

BANKS.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL...	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL...	£1,125,000
PAID UP CAPITAL...	£562,5000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS...	£562,500

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E. C.

LONDON BANKERS
The Bank of England,
The London Joint Stock Bank.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
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The Bank negotiates and collects Bills and grants Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, and issues Letters of Credit for the use of Travellers.

The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms:—

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter period to be ascertained on application.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.

JAMES MURDOCH, Manager.
Esplanade Road, Bombay.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL...	£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL...	£500,000
RESERVE FUND...	£475,000

HEAD OFFICE:
17, BISHOPSGATE STREET, WITHIN LONDON, E.C.

BRANCHES:

Calcutta,	Delhi,	Cawnpore,	Kandy,
Lahore,	Bombay,	Colombo,	Tuticorin,
Amritsar,	Madras,	Mandalay,	Zanzibar,
Kurrachee,	Rangoon,	Newera Elya,	Mombassa
Steamer Point,	Aden.		

FIXED DEPOSITS.

The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of interest to be ascertained on application.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 100,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 1, half-yearly.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.

ROBERT R. ROSS, Manager.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA. LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—CALCUTTA.

BRANCHES:

Bombay, Karachi, Lahore, London, Madras, Rangoon and Rawal Pindi.

Sub-Branches:—Murree—(April to October).

Sub-Agencies:—Amritsar, Bangalore, and Mooltan City.

CAPITAL PAID-UP, Rs. 31,90,450.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ARE AS UNDER: STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for home remittances 4 per cent. per annum

FIXED DEPOSITS—

2 Years 5½ per cent. per annum.
9 to 12 Months 5 „ „
6 Months 4½ „ „

SHORT PERIOD DEPOSITS—Special Rates are offered which may be learnt on application.

PRUDENTIAL AND HOME PASSAGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS—Sums of not less than Rs. 10, are received into these accounts, and bear interest at 5 per cent. per annum, compounded Half Yearly.

Cheques, Bills, Hoondees on Stations where the Bank has Branches and Currency Notes of any circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above interest Deposit Accounts.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are opened for sums of Rs. 100 and upwards and receive 2 per cent. per annum, upon the daily balances, provided a minimum daily balance of Rs. 50 is maintained.

Apply for Rules to Head Office or Branches

F. D. STRANACK, Manager.

Bombay, 13th July, 1903.

ALLIANCE BANK OF SIMLA, LD.

Capital (paid up)...	Rs. 17,75,000
Reserve Fund (in Government Paper).	Rs. 7,75,000

Office: SIMLA.

BRANCHES:

Calcutta, Bombay, Agra, Ajmere, Cawnpore, Darjeeling, Lahore, Mussoorie, Murree, Rawalpindi, and Umballa

CORRESPONDENTS:

London, Edinburgh, Dublin, and in all the principal towns throughout India.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on usual terms, and interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on 30th June and 31st December on minimum balances exceeding Rs. 500.

FIXED DEPOSITS received and interest allowed at rates which can be ascertained on application.

BANKING BUSINESS of every description transacted.

RULES OF BUSINESS and full information obtainable upon application.

H. P. STRINGFELLOW, Agent.
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, February 8.

Securities—		
2 3-4 per cent. Consols...	£86 13-16	= — 5-8
3 do. Rentes ...	£96 1-4	= — 1 1-4
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan ...	£101	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper...	£64 -4	= — 3-16
Silver—		
Spot in London ...	25 15-16	= + 1-4
2 months hence ...	25 5-8	= + 5-16
Spot in New York ...	56 1-8	= + 5-8
Exchanges—		
Paris cheques ...	25·18 1-2	= + 1
Berlin „ ...	20·50 1-2	= + 3-4
New York Demand...	4·85 2-4	= + 1-4
Discounts—		
Bank of England ...	4	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills...	3	= + 1-8
6 „ „ „ ...	3 1-4	= + 1-4
3 „ „ Fine Trade Bills ...	3 3-8	= unchanged
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills ...	3 5-8	= + 1-8
Interest—		
Day to day loans ...	2 1-8	= + 1-4
7 day market loans ...	2 1-4	= unchanged

Sugar—
German granulated 1st marks J.-F. 9 3-4 = — 1-16. Flat.

Metals—
Copper Braziers £67 10 = — 10s.
Yellow Metal 6 1-4.
Tin Plates 11s.
Bar Iron Belgian £1-17-6.
Iron Corrugated Sheets £10-5-0.
Basic Steel Bars £4-10-0.
} unchanged.

Rubber—
Para Rubber 4 5 1-2 Buyers = plus 1-2

Wheat—
White Karachi J.-F. Sellers. 30s. = + 3d. Firmer.

Rapeseed—
Yellow Cawnpore A.-M. Done 31s. = plus 3d.
Brown A.-M. Sellers 31s. 6d. = plus 3d. Firmer.

Linseed—
Linseed Bold. A.-M. Buyers. 33s. 9d. = plus 3d. Firmer.

Coffee—
Coffee in New York 7 nominal.

Arrivals—
Steamers Heidenfels, Zilburn, Kt Commander, D Balduino

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed irregular. Surats quiet. Manchester easier. Total sales, 7,000. Spot 7·08 — 40. Sold on speculation and Export for 500. Imports 6,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Feb.Mar.	Mar.-April	April-May
6·91	6·92	6·93
—34	—34	—34
May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.
6·91	6·93	6·92
—34	—34	—35
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6·76	6·16	5·87
—34	—35	+39

In New York—

Receipts at the Port...	2,000
Do. last year ...	28,000
Exports to Great Britain ...	nil
Do. do Continent ...	6,000
Mid-Uplands ...	14·25 — 12
Futures, month of March...	13·45 — 31
Do. do. July ...	13·90 — 9

In New Orleans—

Spot ...	unquotable
Futures, month of May ...	13·82 + 21
Do. do. August ...	13·55 + 145
Tone at close ...	firm.

Egyptian 9 3-4.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 48 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Monday, February 8th, 1904:—

Cotton ...	22,038 bales.
Wheat ...	13,456 cwts.
Linseed ...	1,718 „
Rape, Rai and Mustard ...	4,037 „
Gingellyseed ...	17,610 „
Poppyseed ...	411 „
Groundnuts ...	1,213 „
Castorseed ...	1,166 „
Rice ...	16,631 „
Myrabollams ...	5,731 „
Cottonseed ...	1,784 „
Mowraseed ...	116 „
Gram ...	2,726 „
Joowar ...	1,214 „
Maize ...	1,610 „

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, February 9.

Exchange—Tone firm.

Bank T.T. ...				1s. 4 1-8d.
Bank Demand ...				1s. 4 5-32d. to 1s 4 3-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.				1s. 4 3-8d.
Do 6	do	do		1s. 4 1-2d
French Francs 3	do	do	...	171 3-4
Marks 3	do	do	...	139 3-4
Hongkong 30	Days'	Sight	...	130
Shanghai 30	do	do	...	181
Japan 30	do	do	...	nominal.

Government Paper—3½ per cent. Tone unsettled.
Cash... Rs. 94·15
1st Settlement 3rd March „ 94·15

Money Market.—Tone steady.

Bank Rate.

Bank of England since	3rd Sept.	4	per cent.	
Bank of Bombay do	22nd Dec.	6	do.	
Bank of Bengal do	21st Jan.	7	do.	
Bank of Madras do	22nd Jan.	7	do.	

Seeds—	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone firm.			
Ready	5	12	0
Rapeseed.—Tone steady.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	5	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	13	0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	5	12	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	20	12	0
Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.			
Howree Khandeish ...	32	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	31	8	0
25 per cent. „ ...	30	12	0
50 per cent. „ ...	29	8	0
Black Kutnee „ ...	26	0	0

Wheat.—Tone steady.

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs. 29-12
Club No. 1 „	„ 29-4
Hard Red „	„ 23

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone firm.
Estimated sales ... 6,000 bales.
Imports ... 29,000 „

Feb-Mar.	Mar-Apl.	Apl-May
7·39	7·40	7·41
+13	+48	+48
May-June	June-July.	July-Aug.
7·42	7·41	7·40
+48	+19	×48
Aug-Sept	Sept-Oct	Oct-Nov.
7·24	6·65	6·34
+48	×49	×47

Cotton.—The lower prices current have tempted buyers and a moderate business has resulted, at the close rate for good M. G. Broach for March, has again jumped to Rs. 267,¾ following the firmer tone in the Liverpool opening telegram.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)...	225	207	199...	Feb.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)...	227	215	... ...	do
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	227	215	... ...	do
Oomrawatee(descriptions)M.-G.	241	235	... ...	do
Khandeish (M.-G.)	220	210	...	do
Jalgaum do.	222	212	...	do
Khandwa do. ...	242	233	... ...	do
Khamgaum fair staple(M-G) / Karanja do. do. / Akola do. do.	242	236	... ...	do
Oomras, good staple (M.G.)	256	243	... ...	do
Damangaum Poolgaum (MG)	245	239	... ...	do
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)...	248	242	... ...	do
Broach (M.-G.) ...	280	...	230	March
Do. (M.-G.) ...	278	...	...	April
Bhownugger M.-G.) ...	253	243	...	May
Do. (M.-G) ...	250	240	...	„
Muttia (M. G.) ...	230	220	...	February
Dharwar(S.-G.) ...	...	...	255	May.
Westerns	...	...	243	„

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, February 8

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed...	Irregular
Surats...	quiet
Good Bhownugger ...	Nil.
The Manchester Market has been ...	easier
2 1-2 per cent Consols...	87 13-16 closing price
3 per cent Rentes ...	96 1-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan ...	104
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers ...	64 1-4
Bar Silver ...	25 15-16

A Delicious Pink Bath.

Everyone seeking Health and Strength should add a few drops of Condy's Fluid to the daily Bath. A Condy's Fluid Bath imparts a delicious sensation of freshness and purity, it invigorates the body and braces the nerves. The strengthening and health giving effects are Simply Magical.

Condy's Fluid is sold by all Chemists. Beware of local Substitutes, all of which are inferior in Composition and in Strength. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

The Charge for Announcements of Births, Marriages, Deaths and Memorium Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line Cash strictly in Advance.

BHAVNAGAR.

Birth.

SHOOBRIDGE—February 7, at Bhavnagar, to Mr and Mrs J O Shoobridge, a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

Births.

JONES—February 4, at Penipore, the wife of Percy Jones, of a son.

WESTERN—January 28, at Peshawar, the wife of Lt-Col J S K Western, 22nd Cavalry (Frontier Force) of a daughter.

Marriage.

EZEKIEL—EZRA—February 3, at Maghen David Synagogue, Calcutta, Edward Ezekiel to Rachel, daughter of Mrs Ezra, of 8, Chowringhi.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 57m. High water, 5-57m., 8-0a. Low water, 0-12m., 0-40a.
First Criminal Sessions.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m.
Bombay Races, first day.
General election of Councillors by Justices of the Peace.
Byculla Club Ball.
Annual Ball, Sergeants of 1st Bn., B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers. Town Hall.
Harmston's Circus, Esplanade.
Warren's American Circus, Esplanade.

Dhunjeebhoy Edaljee Allbless Charitable Dispensary.—The total number of patients treated during the month of January was 447, of which there were 77 males, 145 females, and 225 children.

Meher Charitable Dispensary.—The total number of patients treated during the month of January 1904 was 4,697, the daily average being 151. New admissions 1,000, Parsis 508, Hindus 2,611, Mahomedans 1,279, Christians 299. 51 Children were vaccinated this month.

Music at Messrs. W. B. Green and Co.—By kind permission of Captain Bailey, the Band of the 123rd (Outram's) Rifles will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. M. Fredilis, Bandmaster, commencing at, 7-30 p. m., to-day:—

March ...	Craigneir ...	Hume.
Overture ...	I Puritani ...	Bousquet.
Valse ...	Bleue ...	Margis.
Selection ...	Country Girl ...	Caryll.
Cake Walk ...	Coon Band Contest...	Pryor.
American Sketch.	By the Swanee River..	Myddleton.

Music at the Mahaluxmi Races.—By kind permission of Captain Bailey, the Band of the 123rd (Outram's) Rifles will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. M. Fredilis, Bandmaster, commencing at 3 30 p.m, to-day:—

Spanish Serenade...	La Manola ...	Eilenberg.
Overture ...	Zampa ...	Herold.
Barn Dance ...	Piccanninnies ...	Godfrey.
Selection ...	The Belle of New York.	Kerker.
Polka...	Go as you please....	Fahrbach.
Fantasia No. 1 ...	Maritana ...	Kappey.

An Old Offender.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Browning charged Shivu Bhow, an old offender, with picking the pocket of one Mahomedkhan Ismailkhan. Evidence showed that while the complainant was walking along the Falkland Road in a procession the accused went behind him and put his hand into the complainant's pocket. On feeling a jerk the complainant turned round and caught the hand of the accused while it was in the pocket. The accused was given in police custody. He had six previous convictions against him. The Magistrate sentenced him to two years' rigorous imprisonment, three months out of which he was ordered to be confined in the solitary cell. The accused was also sentenced to receive 25 stripes, and ordered to answer his name to the police for a term of three years after his release from jail.

A Case of Somnambulism.—Miss Agnes Wilhelmina, a young Portuguese lady residing at Khetwady Main Road, met with her death some time early yesterday morning by falling out of a window of her house. It appears that deceased and other members of the family retired to bed at 9 o'clock last night. She was heard to get up at 1 o'clock in the morning and drink some water. She then returned to her room and fastened the door as usual. Nothing was known about her until 8 o'clock in the morning when she was missed from her bed. A search was made and her body was found lying in an adjoining compound immediately below the window of her room. Her skull and spinal column were fractured. The police inquiries showed that the unfortunate lady had been subject to sleep-walking for the last four years. She was once rescued from a well into which she had walked while asleep. In the evening an inquest was held on the body of the deceased by Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

An Old Offender.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup Inspector, Morris charged Sultanbeg Mirza Ahmedali, an old offender, with stealing a piece of goat-skin and a woollen coat of the value of Rs 8, the property of one Hasmat Hoosein, a Mahomedan mendicant residing in Jaskeria Musjid. The evidence showed that on Sunday evening the complainant went to a cistern in the compound to perform ablution leaving his coat and the goat-skin in the mosque. Shortly afterwards the accused entered the mosque, picked up the goat-skin and the coat and was walking off with them when the complainant noticed him near the gate, arrested him and made him over to the Police. The accused in pleading guilty to the charge stated he stole the articles as he was starving. He admitted five previous convictions. The Magistrate sentenced him to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment, two months of which were to be of solitary confinement. —The accused was further charged before the same Magistrate with failing to report his residence to the police after his release from jail about three weeks ago. He was sentenced to one week's simple imprisonment, the sentence to take effect after the expiration of the sentence awarded in the first case.

Causing Hurt.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Osborne, of the Dock Police, charged Shaik Osman, Shaik Mahomed, Shaik Ahmed and Suliman Shaik Hussein, Mahomedan seamen, with assaulting Raghunath Bhawani, tindal of a native craft. It appeared from the evidence that about four o'clock on Monday afternoon the accused were unloading their prow at Carnac Bunder. The complainant had to take his prow to the shore and in doing that it had to pass by the accused's prow. The accused objected to the complainant taking his prow by the side of theirs, but the complainant continued to go on saying he would not cause damage to their craft. Upon this the first accused lost his temper and dragged the complainant into his own prow as he passed by, and knocked him down. The second accused assaulted him with piece of wood and caused bleeding wounds on his head and shoulders. The first and the third accused assaulted the complainant with fists and kicks. The Magistrate framed a charge of voluntarily causing hurt to the complainant on the second accused. The accused pleaded guilty to the charges against them. The Magistrate sentenced the first and the third accused to pay a fine of Rs. 10 each, and the second to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

Obstructionin Public Roads.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Hassan charged Wadilal Puramchand and sixteen other speculators and brokers with causing obstruction in Shaik Memon Street this morning about ten o'clock. Mr. Desai pleader, appeared for the first and the third accused. Mr. Hassan said there was a crowd of about three-hundred persons assembled this morning in Shaik Memon Street. They had completely blocked the road and caused considerable inconvenience to the traffic. He went to the spot with a party of 15 policemen and succeeded in arresting the accused before the Court. The Magistrate sentenced the men to pay a fine of Rs.15 each.—Mr. Hassan next charged Aiteeram Jarsee and five others with the same offence. He said the accused caused obstruction to the traffic about 150 yards away from the spot where the previous batch was arrested in Shaik Memon Street. The accused were fined Rs. 15 each.—Inspector Power charged another batch of speculators, consisting of Hariram Shriram and five others, with causing obstruction in Kalbadevi Road this morning. Mr. Aptekar, pleader, appeared for the first accused. The evidence showed that the accused were conducting their business on the road in front of the Brokers' Hall. On seeing the police they made a rush into the compound of the hall. The Magistrate sentenced the men to pay a fine of Rs. 5 each.

Rs. 5,000 to 10.

PLACING the 1st three in the G. W. HANDICAP. CHARLES HARDING, 28, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A special meeting meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the city of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Trust, Albert Buildings Fort, the Hon. Mr. S. Rebsch, presiding. There were present: General Proudfoot, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. Sassoon J. David, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr. C. H. Armstrong, Mr. W. L. Harvey, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Bomonji Dinshaw Petit, Mr. E. Gray, Mr. T. W. Cuffe, and Mr. W. N. Shilstone.

STREET SCHEME AT WODEHOUSE ROAD.

The Board considered a letter from the Engineer forwarding the necessary papers in connection with the Wodehouse Road Estate Street Scheme.

It was resolved that the Board was of opinion that for the purposes of creating new means of communication and facilities for traffic in that part of the city known as the Wodehouse Road Estate, it was expedient to form two new streets to connect the Wodehouse Bridge Road with the Colaba Causeway and a new street at the junction of the said road and the Causeway; that the revised estimates amounting to Rs. 23,387 should be sanctioned in supersession of the sanction given in a former resolution of the Trustees; that the scheme should be notified as required by section 32 of the Act and thereafter be submitted to Government for formal sanction.

SANITARY ADVISER TO THE BOARD.

Consideration was given to a circular on a memorandum by the chairman on a letter from Dr. Turner, Health Officer, Bombay Municipality, suggesting that a sanction of the Corporation might be obtained to allow him to act as Consulting Sanitary Adviser to the Trust and stating that he expected to be remunerated for his services.

Dr. Viegas said it was not advisable to appoint a consulting sanitary adviser, as all the plans were, as a rule, submitted to the Municipality for sanction, and Dr. Turner, who was one of the officers of that body, might look at them when necessary.

Mr. Harvey said Dr. Turner was justified in not acting as sanitary adviser to the Board without his being remunerated and without the sanction of the Corporation.

Mr. D. E. Wacha strongly opposed the appointment of Dr. Turner to the Board, which he said would prove disastrous, specially as the interests of the Board and the Municipality were often of a conflicting character. For the same reason he was opposed to the solicitors of the same firm acting for both the bodies.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola said the Health Officer would be perfectly justified in declining to give his advice to the Board unless some arrangments were made for his remuneration. He, however, did not know whether the Corporation would sanction the appoinment of Dr. Turner, who was a whole-time officer. He suggested that Dr. Turner might be informed that the Board would be glad to avail themselves of his services whenever required on a reasonable remuneration, but that he should obtain the sanction of the Corporation. He might also be asked to state what his fees would be for such services.

Mr. Sassoon J. David did not think it necessary for the Board to go to the Corporation. They should simply communicate with Dr. Turner and leave it to him to settle the matter with the Corporation.

After some discussion the chairman proposed that Dr. Turner be informed that the Board would be glad to apply to him for advice and assistance whenever necessary, and that he would be paid on a scale to be arranged between them, provided he obtained the sanction of the Corporation to that arrangement.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola considered that the question should be deferred for the present as they had no occasion now to go to the Corporation. When an occasion arose, the Board might go to the Corporation and ask them to allow the Trust to obtain the services of Dr. Turner. He therefore proposed that the letter be only recorded.

On a division the amendment was carried.

PIPE SEWERS FOR MALABAR HILL.

The Board considered a letter from the Municipal Commissioner forwarding 2 plans showing the pipe sewers to be laid, and the septic tank and bacteria beds to be constructed for the sewerage of Sub-District No. 1 of the Malabar Hill Sewerage District, and the details thereof, and enquiring if the Board had any objection to the construction of the said works.

It was resolved that there was no objection to the proposal provided that, in the event of the Board reclaiming that part of the foreshore, the Municipality would bear the cost of extending the outfall to the limit of the reclamation.

The Board then adjourned.

DACOITY AT PEN.

AN UNSUCCESFUL APPEAL.

Mr. H. S. Phadnis, Additional Sessions Judge of Kolaba at Alibag, in November last, convicted Jawjza Radkya of dacoity and sentenced him to three years' rigorous imprisonment. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Thursday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston.

The story for the prosecution was a simple one. The complainant resided in a shop about a mile and a quarter from Pen on the Pen-Dharamtar road. The inside of the shop was secured not by walls, but by a frame-work of moveable wooden planks. The inmates of the shop were the complainant, his servant Balya, and a small boy about four years old. About midnight on the 3rd June last the complainant was aroused from sleep by some rattling noise issuing from about the planks. He suspected burglars had come, and cried aloud "Who is there?" He awoke his servant Balya and opening the door they looked if they could see any persons, but no thief was visible. They closed the door, and sat awake to see how matters would develop. A little while after the burglars, who had receded a little on finding their presence marked by the persons inside, again went up to the door of the shop, broke it open with a scythe, and six of them entered the shop, the remaining four or five standing outside keeping watch and pelting stones to prevent any succour coming from outside. The six dacoits inside proceeded to ransack the shop, beating the complainant and his servant with sticks to extort from them information as to the whereabouts of the valuable property in the shop. The complainant's loud shouts for help brought out from the neighbouring Customs chowkey a Customs naik and two guards, who were, however, unable to make headway on account of the pelting of stones by the dacoits. The complainant was badly beaten by the dacoits and had the misfortune of having his left ear cut into two. The servant also received a blow. Luckily the scythe was not used inside the shop. The dacoits removed bags of gul, gram, etc., and departed with the booty worth about Rs. 40 on hearing the noise of some carts coming from the side of Pen. After their departure, the Customs naik gave them a little chase, or show of chase, and picked up a pagka or head-cover of one of the docoits, which was lying on the ground. He went inside the shop, found the complainant lying on the ground in severe bodily pain, and sent word to the police, who arrived in due course the next morning. The accused and his comrades were subsequently arrested in the Bhor State but some escaped from the State Jail, and the appellant and five others were placed on their trial before Mr. Phadnis. The accused pleaded guilty before the committing magistrate. Mr. Phadnis convicted all the six prisoners. Five of them were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for periods ranging from a year and a half to two years. The appellant, accused No. 1, seemed to have taken a leading part in the dacoity. It was at his house that the dacoity was planned and the gang assembled to start on the expedition, and it was to his house that the party returned to distribute the booty among themselves. The appellant was therefore sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three years. The other five prisoners did not appeal.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the circumstances, dismissed the appeal.

BOMBAY RACES.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.
TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

1st Race	—The Lilliput Plate ...	3-15 p.m.
2nd Race	—The Tom Le Mesurier Stakes ...	3-15 p.m.
3rd Race	—The Mahaluxmi Stakes...	4-15 p.m.
4th Race	—The Bombay Derby ...	4-45 p.m.
5th Race	—The Mansfield Plate ...	5-15 p.m.
6th Race	—The Gaye Cup...	5 45 p.m.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding and the Officers 123rd Outram's Rifles their band will play during the afternoon.

A SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES:—

Colaba ...	2-35 p.m.
Church Gate ...	2-40 p.m.
Grant Road...	2-46 p m.
arrives at Mahaluxmi ...	2-50 p.m.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 9th February, 1904.

The Czar has granted to Prince Alexander von Thurn und Taxis and Dr. Joseph Jannee mining rights over 4,000 square miles. Prince Hugo von Hohenlohe-Oehringen and the Duc de Decazes are among those interested in the enterprise.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The steamer Helm, 778 tons, Captain A Erikson, arrived in harbour on Monday, evening from Singapore, 27th January, with a cargo of timber.

The Asiatic S N Co's steamer Pundit, 3831 tons, Captain W J Crebbin, will sail to-day, for Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo, Chores and deck passengers.

The B I S N Co's steamer Nevasa, 1945 tons, Captain C P Seddon, sailed yesterday, for Zanzibar, with a general cargo—Miss Burton, for r. n tives and 8 ...

The Clan Line steamer Clan M... H G Fishenden, arrived in har... from Glasgow 27th December, via Liverpool, with a general cargo.

The B I S N Co's steamer Kerbela, 1408 tons, Captain E G Watson, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo 69 cases opium, and the passengers;—Mr Mullins, Mr and Mrs Victor, Mr W Walker, and 150 deck.

The Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nizam, 2051 tons, Captain B B Bullen, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, 9th January via coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers—Miss Buller, Major and Mrs Kirkpatrick and three children, Mr Wallis and 13 deck.

MEN-OF-WAR and Royal INDIAN MARINE Ships.

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Karrakatta...Lt Comdr G C Corbett...Gun boat.
H M S Sphinx......Comdr Kemp......Royal Navy

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Fox ...	Comdr Pelham...	Royal Navy
H M S Porpoise...	Comdr A J Hotham ...	Royal Navy
H M S Redbreast ...		Royal Navy
Torpedo Boat No. 100	...	...
Do No 102	...	...
Do No 103	...	...
Juba...	134 Wilson...East Africa Despatch steamer	
Mermaid ...	Craig...	Dredger

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Feb. 9.

Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Deutschland bq ...	768	Nacoda ...			The Captain
Fazul Karim ...	676	Nacoda...			G Muthwani
Palitana ...	1934	Lemarchand...			M M & Co
India ...	2591	Plummer ...			M M & Co
Banca ...	3794	Ferguson ...			P & O Co
Goalpara ...	1358				M M & Co
Simla...	2828	Summers...			P & O Co
Sirsa...	1675	Abbott...			M M & Co
Okara...	3439	Fenwick...			M M & Co
Dulwich ...	2111	Dudley ...			W & A Graham & Co
Pundit ...	3832	Cribbin ...			T M & Co
Katoria ...	663	...			M M & Co
Tientsin...	2553	Kenrick ...			P & O Co
Ulabrand...	1269	Anderson...			W & A Graham & Co
Zillah...	2412	Rees...			T Morrison & Co
Kangra...	1478	Smith ...			M M & Co
Sutherland...	2277	Wallace...			W & A Graham & Co
Vadala...	2161	Skinner ...			M M & Co
Henry Bolckow...	639	Fowls ...			B & P S N Co
Arroyo ...	2308	Plough ...			W & A Graham & Co
Sirdhana...	2074	Robinson ...			M M & Co
Kasara ...	504	Hirst ...			M M & Co
Wardha ...	2563	Crookston ...	Stream...	6-2	M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Merton Hall...	2768	Prowse ...	Karachi...	17-2	K Nixon & Co
B	Havraise...	3408	Caston ...	Havre...	15-2	K Nixon & Co
F	Othello...	3327	Johnson...	Karachi...	10-2	F M & Co
K	Wharfedale ...	1883	Alexander...	...	11 2	M M & Co
L	Puri...	287	Ahmed ...	N F...N F...		Shpd & Co
N	Lismore...	2377	Sloane...		10-2	W & A Graham & Co
P	Lena ...	2679	Dale...	Balfast...	13-2	Ralli Bros
Q	Somali...	1622	Volkertsen...	Zanzibar...	12-2	A Strandes

HARBOUR WALL.

Kaveri... 553 Ahmed...Bhownagar... 2-2 Shpd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
2	Indura ...	2897	Carruthers...	Antwerp...	13-2	F M & Co
3	R Rubattino...	3044	Saporite ...	Genoa...	15-2	F R S N Co
4	Ischia ...	2784	Maganzini...	China...	17-2	F Crocco
5	Peninsular ...	2949	Cubitt ...	Aden...	13-2	P & O Co
6	Coromandel ...	2783	Mentford...	China...	10-2	P & O Co
7	Waudby ...	2580	Finny ...	Trieste	13-2	A L S N Co
9	Lowenburg...	3726	Pfeiffer...	Karachi ...	15-2	Glade & Co
10&11	Kt of the Thistle...	4286	Baker...	Antwerp	20-2	K N & Co
12	Arabia...	4167	Leigh ...	London...	22-2	P & O Co
16	Bombay ...	2049	Chapman ...	Dunkirk...	13-2	J M & Co

MEREWEATHER DRY DOCK.

30 Ton Crane.

Assaye ... Dowell ... Southampton ... 16-2 Transport

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander	From
8	Heim s ...	Erikson ...	Singapore, Jan 27.
	Clan Macintyre s...	Fishenden ...	Glasgow, Dec 27.
9	Kerbella s ...	Watson ...	Persian Gulf, &c.
	Nizam s ...	Bullen ...	Calcutta, &c.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
9	Corn Exchange s...	Barcham ...	Trieste and Odessa.
	Goalpara s...	Cole ...	Persian Gulf.
	Nevasa s...	Seddon ...	Zanzibar, &c.

The steamer Pundit, Captain Crebbin, obtained her port-clearance yesterday for Calcutta, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Simla, for China, &c.
„ Zimla, for China, &c.
„ Wardha, for Calcutta, &c.
„ Sangola, for Calcutta, &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Mombassa, left London on the evening of 6th instant.

The steamer Clan Macfarlane, arrived in London on the morning of 8th instant.

The P and O Co's steamer Sumatra, arrived in Plymouth on the morning of 7th instant.

The P and O Co's steamer Victoria, arrived in Plymouth on the morning of 7th instant.

The P and O Co's steamer Himalaya, arrived in Suez, from Colombo on the evening of 7th instant.

The P and O Co's steamer Persia, arrived in Suez, from Colombo on the morning of 8th instant.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE, COMMANDING BO. LT. HORSE.

Bombay 10th February.

The Squadron will Parade to-morrow Thursday the 11th instant at 7 a.m. at the Queen's Statue, for drill with H E The Governor's Bodyguard.

Dress—Drill order.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Ag. Adjutant, Bo. Lt. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LIEUT-COL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 10th February.

1. The following drills will take place tomorrow:—
No. 1 Coy (Town Hall Compound.)
Thursday morning at 6-45 a. m.—10" R M L Gun Drill.
No. 2 Coy (Nesbit Lane Head Quarters.)
Thursday night at 8-15 p. m. 10" R M L Gun Drill.
E K Coy (Town Hall compound)
Thursday evening at 6-30 p. m. Squad drill and lectures.
2. The proficiency class for No. 1 Coy will meet at the Town Hall compound to-morrow evening at 6-30 p. m.
3. There will be class firing to-morrow at Kurla. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 5-30, 5-50 and 6-5 a. m. (local time) and Byculla 12 minutes later.

The following members having joined have been taken on the strength of the Corps and posted as under:—
No 171 Gunner R E M Fabris No 1 Coy No 3 Sub-Dn.
No 972 Trumpeter G Pickard, No 1 Coy No 1 Sub-Dn.

By Order,
A. F. E. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

DAILY EXPORTS.—February 8.

For Hull.

Othello s—2720 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros.

For Dunkirk.

Bombay s—100 bales cotton Glade and Co; 1590 cwt groundnuts A Blascheck and Co; 2000 cwt groundnuts Societa Colonale Italiana; 495 bales cotton 7000 cwt wheat 835 cwt linseed and 5489 cwt poppyseed Ralli Bros; 2000 cwt wheat N Sunderjee and Co.

For Havre.

Hadraise—2000 bales cotton Frier de Saone and Co; 100 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co; 2120 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 1000 cwt poppyseed E D Sassoon and Co; 500 cwt myrabollams 2400 cwt gingellyseed 2000 cwt groundnuts Societa Coloniale Italiana; 955 bales cotton 1000 cwt mustardseed 1 00 cwt rapeseed 2 lots rosa oil Volkart Bros; 2570 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 139 bales cotton Prier de Saone and Co; 400 cwt maize D Nanjee and Co; 2000 cwt maize Tat and Co.

For Antwerp.

Kt of the Thistle s—4000 cwt gingellyseed Tata and Co; 100 cwt poppyseed 2000 cwt gingellyseed Ernst Lam and Co; 2000 cwt gingellyseed Killick Nixon and Co; 165 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co; 1000 cwt gingllyseed Ernst Lam and Co; 1767 cwt myrabollams Ebjee Oomersey.

Indura s—440 bales cotton Glade and Co; 1160 cwt wheat J A Begbie and Co; 165 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 138 bales cotton J C To...lla; 385 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 9 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co; 7 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

For Hamburg.

Lowenburg s—330 bales cotton Glade and Co; 220 bales cotton S B Alexander; 1700 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 1000 cwt myrabollams P Bhimji; 20 bales skins Martin Coben and Co; 660 bales cotton and 1999 cwt myrabollams Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co; 895 bales cotton 1000 cwt myrabollams Volkart Bros.

For Bremen.

Lowenburg s—4950 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 110 bales cotton Ewart Latham and Co; 880 bales cotton Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co.

For Trieste.

Dulwich s—330 bales cotton S B and Alexander 611 cwt myrabollams Hugo Schwer and Co.

Wandby s—4 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

For Catania.

R Rubattino s—200 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

For Barcelona.

R Rubattino s—1050 bales cotton G Tejpalpal and Co; 600 bales cotton Volkart Bros; 700 bales cotton E Spinner and Co.

For Leghorn.

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

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TWEEDS	at	2 8	do
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HOMESPUNS	1 12	2 4	do
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RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

JAPAN has got her blow in first, and may good luck go with her! No news reaches us of any formal declaration of war. The Japanese naval forces have not waited for it ; but, as in the case of the war with China, have taken it for granted that with the suspension of diplomatic relations must come the signal for active operations. We cannot blame them ; for the whole time that negociations have been proceeding Russia has been steadily preparing to strike the blow which has been turned against her. Japan has pounced upon her in the act of landing troops on the Yalu River and has rightly seized the vessels employed in conveying them ; also three ships laden with coal. The attack on the Russian fleet lying off Port Arthur did not seem to have been attended by any great degree of success ; but if the torpedo-boats had not been able to hit the battle-ships lying there by sending forth their torpedoes they practically placed a number of submarine mines in the fairway, and laid a trap for the enemy at the time other of her ships can come out into the open. A later message, however, tells us that two battleships and a cruiser lying in the outer roads were damaged in a midnight attack, so the venture was not so futile as at first appeared. Seizure of all Russian merchant-vessels in those waters may be expected in the course of a few days, and everything points to Japan having pretty much all her own way for some time to come.

THE CENSUS OF INDIA.

MESSRS. RISLEY and GAIT, the officers to whom was entrusted the task of preparing the Census Report for the Indian Empire, have just seen the completion of their arduous labours and the issue of their enormous volumes from the Government Central Press. The night chosen for taking the census was fixed upon partly with reference to the age of the moon, which was at the full, and partly with the object of avoiding, as far as possible, the anniversaries of great religious festivals and fairs and the nights regarded as auspicious for marriage ceremonies or for bathing in the sacred rivers. The operations embraced for the first time the Baluchistan agency, the Bhil country in Rajputana, the scattered island settlements of the wild Nicobarese and Andamanese and certain outlying tracts on the confines of Burma, the Punjab, and Kashmir. They extended in fact to the whole Indian Empire, with the exception of a small disturbed tract in Burma and a part of Baluchistan, where wild tribal disputes and the possibility of disturbances rendered it inexpedient to attempt an enumeration. In Madras and the Punjab the custom of making periodic estimates of the population is of old standing, but the first systematic attempt to obtain information regarding the whole population of the whole of India, based on an actual counting of heads, was made between the years 1867 and 1872. But even then, Mr. Gait tells us, many of the Native States were left out of the count. The census then was non-synchronous. The arrangements were seldom elaborate, and in some cases the enumeration was carried out in a very rough and imperfect manner. In the 1881 census the operations were extended to all provinces and States except Kashmir and various small remote tracts. The count was a synchronous one except in certain forest and desert tracts, where counting by night was impracticable. The regular procedure was modified to a varying extent, and the final count was carried out by day, while in others this process was dispensed with altogether and the officers recorded the ordinary resident population on the system followed, until recently, in some European countries. In 1891 the second general census was taken on similar lines but with more elaborate arrangements to ensure completeness ; and Upper Burma, which had since been acquired, was included, as well as the Native States of Kashmir and Sikkim. But the census now reported upon was in every way the most complete and satisfactory.

Mr Risley invites us to gauge the magnitude of the operations by taking into consideration the fact that the area dealt with extends from the Persian frontier to the confines of China, and from the snow-passes which look down upon Tibet to the tropical forests where Burma touches Siam. Within these wide limits many and varied difficulties had to be overcome, not the least important being those experienced in dealing with our neighbours in Rajputana. They were duly impressed by the practical argument that for people who were not enumerated there would be no food at the next famine. The proceedings in the non-synchronous areas of Burma were of interest by reason of the use made in a portion of them of a system of estimating population by means of typical areas which had been suggested to Mr Risley by Mr. Scott-Keltie's paper less "The Population of Uncivilised Countries" In the Andamans and Nicobars, this the first enumeration taken was attended by a considerable amount of risk, and in a series of tours by steamer and boat in imperfectly-chartered waters. At Port Campbell the enumerators were attacked by the implacably-hostile Jarawas of the South Andamans and were obliged to fire on their assailants, the population being decreased by one on the spot. The enumeration also brought to light a tribe thitherto unknown, the Tabo of the North Andamans, concerning whom it is stated, in explanation of their small numbers, that when a contagious disease appeared among them they proceeded to kill off all those who were attacked until very few of the tribe were left. Mr. Boden Kloss told us so much in his monumental work on the Andamans and Nicobars, but he was indebted to the census officials for his information. In reviewing generally the work of the provincial officers, Mr. Risley gives praise where it is due. He shows that in all provinces much attention was paid to religion and ethnography, and that the reports contain a considerable amount of material which has not been published before. Mr. Enthoven is acknowledged to have done much to elucidate the complicated structure of native society in Bombay. Mr. Dalal's analysis of the caste-system in Baroda comes in for special mention ; and, finally, the Chief Commissioner commends to all who are interested in the rise and growth of our Empire in the East Mr. Edwardes's picturesque sketch of the various stages of development by which an obscure fishing village has been transformed into the stately city of Bombay.

From the body of the report we find that the population recorded on the night of March 1st, 1901, throughout the Empire was 294,361,056 : of whom 231,899,507 were in British territory and 62,461,549 in the native states. Native India, therefore, while embracing more than a third of the area of the Empire, supports considerably less than a quarter of the population. Bengal is shown to be by far the most populous province, containing, as it does, nearly seventy-eight-and-a-half millions of people. The United Provinces come next in order, with forty-eight-and-a-half millions ; then Madras with nearly forty-two-and-a-half. Bombay, now reduced by famine and disease to twenty-five-and-a-half-millions, and the Punjab, which has lost over two millions by the formation of the North-West Frontier Province, and now stands at much the same figure as the Western Presidency, rank lowest among the large provinces, and each has less than one-third of the population of Bengal. The figures include the people of the States in political relations with the various governments ; but if these were deducted we should find Bombay with only eighteen millions of people, or less than a quarter of the population of the British territory in Bengal. For those who advocate the degradation of the Bombay Presidency to the level of a Lieutenant-Governorship this is a very powerful argument, and the aspect of affairs is distinctly disagreeable. If the Berars, which have been taken away from the Nizam, had been handed over to us it would have been a satisfactory arrangement, both in the interests of Bombay and the Assigned Districts. Of the native states, Hyderabad, as might be expected, comes first with a population of over eleven millions. The Rajputana group has nearly ten millions and the Central India Agency nearly nine. The Bombay States, a large and miscellaneous group, are shown to comprise nearly seven millions, while Mysore has five millions-and-a-half.

DON QUIXOTE'S TERCENTENARY.

The Government and the people of Spain are about to celebrate an event in which the rest of the civilized world should take a great deal of interest. It is three hundred years since Miguel de Cervantes-Saavedra published the first part of "Don Quixote", and the Spaniards are very rightly preparing to mark the tercentenary in a special manner. Of the notable men which the Spanish Peninsula has produced, two at least, Cervantes and Velasquez, have been universally placed in the front rank of letters and art. There have been nearly three hundred editions of Cervantes' masterpiece since its first publication ; and, though, as in the case of other classics, fewer people read "Don Quixote" than talk about it, the adventures of the Knight of Mancha are still a source of entertainment for the world. The humour of the book appeals to minds which may not appreciate its satire and melancholy, and thus it is that the mischances of the Don will always have an attraction for juvenile wits. Cervantes was born at Alcala de Henares, a small town in the Province of New Castile, in 1547. After serving as a page to a cardinal he became a soldier and fought against the Turks in the naval battle of Lepanto. His valiant behaviour in the engagement, in which he was severely wounded, secured him extraordinary favours from Don John of Austria, the Generalissimo of the allied Christian Powers, and other leaders. In five years' active service by sea and land, Cervantes acquired a knowledge of men and life which in after years he put to good use. This portion of his career ended in Italy in 1575 ; and in September of that year, having obtained leave to visit Spain, he embarked at Naples. Unhappily the Spanish galley by which he voyaged fell in with a squadron of Algerine pirates and, after a fierce fight, was forced to surrender. For five years then Cervantes was held as a slave in Algiers, and according to the testimony of an eye-witness he was subjected to the severest treatment because his captors believed him to be a man of high rank in consequence of the letters from his commanders and others found upon him. Yet it is written that the rigours of his captivity were borne with a courage and constancy which, had there been nothing else to make his name memorable, must have sufficed to rank Cervantes among the heroes of his age and country. He was eventually liberated for a ransom of 1,000 ducats, raised by his mother and friends, assisted by some merchants of Algiers. This captivity undoubtedly turned the whole current of his life, for it was during those five hard years that he learned lessons which were turned to such great account in "Don Quixote." He rejoined his regiment, but after three more years of soldiering returned to literature, which had been the love of his early youth. He wrote many plays but without reaping much success, and, being eclipsed as a dramatist by his great contemporary Lope de Vega, he publised nothing more for twenty years. Then in 1604 came the first part of "Don Quixote". The licence for its publication was obtained in September of that year and in the beginning of the next year it was printed. The work quickly became popular, and since the invention of printing there had appeared up to that date no book which secured so many readers. Cervantes' declaration of his purpose in writing the book was that he designed to destroy the credit of those romances of chivalry whose reading was so pernicious to the taste and morals of the age and to furnish "a pastime for melancholy and gloomy spirits." He succeeded entirely in both designs. The second part of "Don Quixote" was published in 1608, and other works which came from the great Spaniard's pen included "Novelas Exemplars," a collection of tales which furnished a mine of wealth for Scott and others, and a number of plays. His later dramatic efforts were, however, no more successful than the earlier ones, his genius being unsuited to the stage. His last work was "Pericles and Sigismunda", a romance published after his death. He died on the 23rd April 1615, three weeks after having entered the order of Franciscan Friars. Ten days later, though according to the difference of calendars on the same date, died his great English contemporary, William Shakespeare.

THE CROPS IN INDIA.

THE reports from the main agricultural areas of India received this week are rather meagre, but so far as they go they are satisfactory. Practically no rain has fallen, but few districts now require further supplies of moisture. In Madras ploughing, sowing, and transplanting are still proceeding. The standing-crops are doing well, irrigation supplies being sufficient, and the harvests which continue are giving fair outturns. Some little rain fell in Bengal, but the crops in half-a-dozen districts would be benefited by further supplies. Reports of damage have been received from Burdwan, as the result of depredations by insects, and in Malda hail has caused some anxiety. Prospects are otherwise good, and seasonable operations are successfully progressing. The crops of the United Provinces are in a satisfactory condition as a general rule, though in one district slight damage has been occasioned by rust. Except in Fyzabad, where it has been attacked by grubs, the poppy-crop is doing well. The operations now proceeding are the pressing of sugarcane and irrigation of the spring-crops. Preparations for the extra spring-crops are going on in the Punjab, the standing irrigated crops are doing well in nearly all districts, but unfortunately the unirrigated areas in Delhi, Hissar, and parts of Ferozepore are suffering from drought and in some places the plants are withering. Sugarcane is yielding an average outturn. The situation is satisfactory in the North-West Frontier Province. No rain is at present required, and none has fallen recently. Cultivators have completed the spring-sowings. In the Central Provinces the threshing of rice and picking of cotton are approaching completion. Juar is now being threshed. The anticipated outturns of wheat, which is now in ear, and linseed are above normal. Throughout the Province the crops are flourishing, but on light soils prospects would be improved by timely downfalls of rain. The situation in Central India is also very satisfactory and the opium crop is doing well. From other parts of India good reports have been received. Prices have fallen in the Punjab. In Bengal the price of rice has increased in the majority of districts. Slight fluctuations are reported from Burma and Assam, and in the remainder of India no alterations have occurred.

THE Council of his Excellency the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations will meet in the Council Hall, Secretariat, Bombay, on Saturday, the 27th February at 11-30 a.m.

COUNT DUARDT, the new Consul-General for Germany, left Bombay yesterday for Calcutta to take charge of his appointment.

A COLOMBO telegram states Brevet-Major Raymond John Marker, D.S.O., A.-D.-C. to H. E. Lord Kitchener, is reported to be engaged to Miss Daisy Leiter, sister of Lady Curzon.

AN important conference will be held at the India Office a few weeks hence, says the "Financier and Bullionist," to consider the control, administration, and operation of Indian Railways. It may be remembered that Mr. Robertson, the Commissioner who investigated on the spot, condemned the dual control system as costly and tending to inefficiency, and suggested certain reforms likely to popularise the Railways, and, presumably, make them more profitable. The Indian Government have considered his Report, and the forthcoming conference is the outcome. The subject is a highly important one, and upon its solution may depend whether the Indian Government will exercise the powers they possess to take over various railway undertakings at dates of option which are not remote.

A TUNNEL 40 kilometres long is to be cut through Mount Spluga.

NEW gas-works and electric works are to be built by the Societa Anonima di Augsburg at Rapallo.

THE Allgemeine Elektrizitats-Gesellschaft (Berlin) has submitted plans for the projected electric railway between Rome and Naples.

THE first of three steamers which are being built for the banana trade between Manchester and Port Limon has been launched from the Wallsend yard of Swan, Hunter and Co.

OWING to the competition prevailing among British shippers, shipping rates from German ports and from Antwerp to Australia have been reduced as much as 10s. in some instances.

THE Grand Trunk Railway, Canada, have just purchased 15,000 tons English rails, best make, spring delivery at a price 10s. per ton below a similar purchase of the Canadian Northern Railway from the United States mills.

HERR MUELLER-LANDSMANN, of Zurich, proprietor of the Oberhasli iron mines, proposes to take over and greatly extend the electric works on the Reichenbach. An extensive electric central station is planned at Herblingen, near Berne, to supply the district with light and power.

ONE of the largest steelmaking firms in the Midlands, which has been buying German steel billets, has decided to resume the production of its own steel, which had been abandoned because the material could be bought cheaper abroad.

A TELEGRAM from St. Petersburg (Jan. 19) says :—It appears that the words attributed to the Czar in his meeting with the Japanese Ambassador at the Russian New Year Diplomatic reception are incorrect. What the Czar actually said, it is officially stated, is as follows :—"I am glad to know that your Sovereign holds the same ideas as myself. I have always thought that Japan and Russia should be friends rather than enemies."

THE BUTTER GOD FESTIVAL.

THE GREAT NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION IN TIBET.

[BY WILLIAM DURBAN.]

THERE is surely nothing in the whole world more fantastic than the fete of the Butter God with which the Tibetans inaugurate the year. Several of my missionary friends who are intimately familiar with Outer Tibet have been amazed at the grotesque ceremonies which characterise this observance. The great hermit land is so homogeneous in its religious system that such a festival as this is universal, and it is just as much an occasion of sanctity at Ourga and other cities in Mongolia where Buddhism of the Tibetan type is the supreme cult, and where great settlements of lamas have for many centuries been established. At Ourga reigns a "living Buddha," who competes as a Buddhist Pope with the Dalai Lama at Lhassa in the claim to paramountcy. Here also the Butter God Fete has an important centre while this remarkable celebration is the chief incident of the whole year in all the great regions on the borderland of Western China and Northern India influenced by Tibetan ideas.

The Tibetan New Year, writes Mr. Wm. Durban in the "Pall Mall Gazette" is regulatd by the lunar reckoning, and the great celebration commences on the 15th day of the first moon. Each of the holiest lamaseries throughout the country is on that day the scene of singular popular demonstrations. Those peculiar black tents which are so familiar everywhere in Tibet, Mongolia, and Turkestan are, by the time the eventful morning dawns, thickly dotted about the slopes of the hills round the shrine. The picturesque aspect is wonderfully enhanced by the gleaming white Chinese pavilions pitched here and there by astute Chinese merchants, who well know what a fine chance they will now secure for profitable hukstering with tea-bricks, cloth shoes, silks, caskets of magical charms, quaint pictures of Buddha, litte images of that Tsong K'aba who was the Luther of Tibetan Buddhism in the Middle Age, needless pins, cutlery, incense sticks, thread, coloured beads, pretty little shallow brass basins, and many others wares.

The idol which forms the great attraction is, perhaps, the most curious ever heard of in all the pantheon of polytheism. How very far from the pure cult of Sakiya Muni Tibetan Buddhism has drifted is vividly demonstrated by this adoration of the butter deity alone. It must be recollected that butter is the staff of life among many Mongolian races. No article of diet is so highly prized. The stable solid food is the famous "tsamba," manufactured from parched barley, which is pounded into a coarse meal, kneaded with fingers in a mixture of tea and butter, and then taken in lumps and eaten from the hand. Thus butter enters into this as into every dietetic commodity. As the pilgrims arrive to attend the Butter God Fete, they unload the yak, pitch their tent, and at once begin to perform that ceremony which is invariably observed whenever a caravan anywhere stops. Tea is boiled and all squat round the fire. One of the party flings a small lump of butter into the tea, takes the ladle, dips up a portion of the decoction, and flings it towards the sky, while all take off their hats and follow the man who performed the rite in a petition inviting the god to whom the tea is offered to come and drink it, and begging his care and protection. The early Tibetan breakfast is exceedingly simple, for it consists merely of tea poured into a basin on a piece of butter. This is imbibed in very large quantities, for nothing else is taken till after ten in the morning, no matter how early the day may begin in work or travel.

In the greatest and holiest lamaseries, especially in the Golden Tiled Temple consecrated to the honour of Tsong K'aba, the New Years image of the butter diety is of imposing dimensions. In front of the great gilded image of Tsong K'aba is constructed specially for the occasion, as January approaches, a long altar. On this are placed scores of butter lamps of different sizes, and also many holy water vessels. Worshippers crowd in to bow before the glittering image, on which the blazing lamps fling their glow. Of course in the outer court, through which the pilgrims have to pass before entering the Golden Tiled Temple, are many of the usual little shrines, each with its row of prayer-wheels constantly revolving, for every one who approaches gives the cylinders a fresh spin, in order to secure cumulative merit as the printed prayers within move round. But up to this point the scene is simply such as may be witnessed on any day of the year. The New Year's festival includes the addition of homage to the butter deity as well as the cult of the local shrine. This special image is a giant butter effigy of Buddha, shaped with marvellous artistic skill. It is not less than twenty feet in height, and stands in a temporary pavilion made of wooden uprights and embroidered satin hangings for walls, on which are depicted the various transmigrations of Sakiya Muni before his final incarnation, by which he at length became the great Buddha. Hundreds of butter-lamps flame on a platform behind the strange image. The pedestal of the effigy is a most delicate work of art. Bas-reliefs in butter rise in layers, one of which exactly represents the famous Lhassa Temple. At Buddha's feet a dragon guardian crouches with wide-open jaws Buddha stretches out his hands in the act of blessing the devotees. Round him are many smaller samples of butter configuration. The best artists in Tibet are employed both on the butter images of Buddha and on the paintings which surround them.

It is evident that for such an elaborate festival as this many preliminaries must be put in hand for many weeks. The councils of the great lamaseries assemble early in September, the most important concerence being at Kumbum, in norh-eastern Tibet which is the seat of the cult of Tsong K'aba. A famous Lama artist is allowed the aid of a band of clever moulders. So much butter must be collected that it becomes a somewhat expensive article during the last weeks of the year. It might be wondered how such a substance as butter could be used for a purpose requiring considerable solidity in the material. The fact is that the great coldness of the climate in the elevated Tibetan plateau renders the butter admirably adapted for plastic art. But a sort of martyrdom is undergone by the enthusiastic workers who are compelled to dip their hands constantly into water lest they should by lowering the temperature mar any of the delicated design.

The most grotesque features of the festival are the preformances of the lamas. On New Year's morning the first ceremony is the homage of the minor lamas who wait on those of higher grade to the butter idol. These acolytes troop in with great red lanterns in their hands. Kowtowing with their foreheads in the dust they repeat over and over the well-known prayer, "Om mani padme hum" while their leader kneels and offers incense sticks to the butter Buddha. At a certain moment there is a commotion in the crowd caused by a number of black lamas carrying great sticks and whips which they barndish right and left to clear a passage for the "great incarnation," a lama of high grade appointed to represent Tsong K'aba or some other apostle of Buddhism. This dignitary is preceded by a number of his colleagues, all carrying burning incense sticks. He himself is a striking figure, for he is dressed in glistening garments of yellow satin and carries a white ivory sceptre, and wears a lofty yellow mitre. Standing erect in solitary dignity, while all others kneel, the great incarnation surveys the images. He is himself too much of an approximation to deity to pay obeisance to any image. As he silently turns and deliberately departs, the mob that has quietly watched lets itself loose and the solemnity is changed into a pandemonium. The people rend the air with shouts of song and laughter, and revelry sets in apace. The Tibetans are not by any means a teetotal race. By night even many a lama is intoxicated with "chang," the popular alcoholic beverage of country, made from barley.

WE learn that a large tract of land running alongside the Danube, at Passau, on the Austro-German frontier, has been purchased by the Deutsche Bank of Berlin for the purpose of establishing an important depot of their Roumanian and Galician petroleum and benzine. The Bank will probably require a large number of tank-cars for the transport of the oil. A large benzine factory is also projected.

JAPAN'S FIRST BLOW.

SEIZURE OF RUSSIAN SHIPS.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

LONDON, FEBRUARY 9, MORNING.

The Tsar's visit to Moscow has been postponed indefinitely.

The American Naval attache at Tokio telegraphs that a Japanese Naval Division has started for Chemulpho.

The Kaiser William has abandoned his projected cruise in the Mediterranean owing to the present crisis.

The "Daily Telegraph" publishes a despatch, dated Nagasaki the 6th instant, stating that when the Russian squadron left Port Arthur it escorted some troopships to the Yalu River and landed a full Division there.

Japan's patience was then exhausted.

She seized three Russian merchant-ships with cargoes of coal and stores on board.

It is reported that two other Russian merchant-ships were seized outside Sasebo.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 9, 9-55 A. M.

The Japanese torpedo-boats have attacked the Russian warships at Port Arthur.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 9, 10-35 A. M.

Admiral Alexeieff telegraphs to his Government that the Japanese torpedo-boats attacked the Russian squadron in the outer roads off Port Arthur at midnight on the 8th instant.

The battleships Retvisan and Tsarevitch and the cruiser Pallada have been damaged.

[The Retvisan is a steel-built ship, twin-screws, two turrets and 3 funnels, 376ft. long and 72ft 3 beam, of 12,700 tons displacement. She was built at the Cramp Yard, Philadelphia, and was launched in 1900. She has engines of 16,000 horse-power and is capable of steaming 18 knots under forced draught. She has two sets of triple-expansion engines and her armament is four 12 inch, twelve 6 inch, twenty 12pr., two 6pr., and twenty 3pr. guns and six torpedo tubes, and she carries a complement of 750 men.

The Tsarvitch, another first-class-built ship, is 388ft 9in long, and 75ft 6 beam, with 3 screws; 12,930 tons displacement. She was built at La Seyne and launched in 1900. She carries four 12 inch, twelve 6 inch, twenty 12pr, two 9pr, twenty 3pr. Hotchkiss, six 1pr, and six torpedo tubes. Her complement is about 800 men.

The Pallada is a commerce destroyer of 416 feet in length and 55 feet beam. She displaces 6,630 tons and is capable of steaming 20 knots. She was built at Galernii Island, St. Petersburg, in 1899. She carries eight 6 inch guns, twenty 12pr, and eight smaller quick-firing and machine guns, and four torpedo tubes; and has a complement of about 500 men.]

LONDON, FEBRUARY 8.

Earl Percy, in the Commons, said that the correspondence with Russia on the subject of Manchuria will be published shortly. Government, he said, intends to send Consuls to Mukden and Antung.

It is officially notified that the departure of "K" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, from India, which was fixed for the 16th February, is postponed for the present. The battery may sail on the 8th March.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 9.

A London correspondent of the Lucknow "Indian Daily Telegraph" wires that a Japanese naval division has sailed for Chemulpho. The Chinese are becoming nervous and troops are massing at Peking.

A message from Shanghai, dated February 7th, states that the Europeans are now leaving Newchwang and Yuanshaikai.

Eighty-five thousand excellently-officered Japanese troops are hastening to defend the Korean frontier.

M. Lessar, it is reported, has refused to withdraw the last Russian note.

The Legation guards at Peking have been strengthened.

A Colombo message, dated February 8th, says:—Advices from Seoul state that the Chinese ex-Minister of Finance has told the Korean Emperor that China, while ostensibly siding with Japan, has really a secret understanding with Russia, and intends to take independent action when Russia and Japan are both exhausted by war.

He advises Korea to adopt the same line of policy.

The Russian commissariat at Port Arthur, originally estimated to have provisions for two hundred thousand men for two years, is now discovered to be insufficient for six months, and the quality of the same is said to be inferior. The sanitary arrangement are also reported to be inadequate for a protracted siege. As a result of investigation, Admiral Alexeieff dismissed and punished a number of officials.

Trains are being held in readiness at Lake Baikal to transport one hundred thousand Russian troops to Manchuria in the event of hostilities breaking out.

The German squadron makes Batavia the base for supplies, not Kiauchau.

THE WAR PREPARATIONS

JAPANESE STORES LANDED IN KOREA.

The Australian papers contain the following items of news later than the Mail:—London, January 23.—According to advices received in Paris from Korea and Port Arthur, the Japanese have landed hundreds of cases of artillery and ammunition at Chemulpo in Korea, and they also intend to send guns and munitions to Seoul.

The Russians accused the Japanese of inciting the Tonghaks to rise, in the hope of affording the Japanese a pretext to interfere in Korean affairs.

The Chefoo (China) correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that Russia is quietly occupying strategic positions on the Manchurian side of the Yalu River, which forms the boundary between Manchuria and Korea.

Enormous quantities of dollars have been purchased in China by Japan.

London bankers assert that Russia has for months past been recalling her gold reserve from abroad. The Russian banks now hold a reserve of £92,000,000.

The Paris daily "Le Temps" announces that Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has resumed direction of the Policy in the Far East, and has made a "tabula rasa" (clean sweep) of all that has been done since Admiral Alexeieff's appointment as Viceroy. He has also offered Japan the same treatment in Manchuria as that accorded to other Powers.

The London "Times" says that if this remarkable statement be confirmed it is a decided proof that the Tsar means to have his peaceful policy obeyed.

No actual offer for mediation has been made to the Mikado, but it is officially stated that his Majesty has informed Britain, America, and Germany that any suggestion in that direction would not meet with Japan's approval.

London, January 24.—Advices which have been received from Port Arthur at Pekin state that owing to friction having occurred between Admiral Alexeieff and some of the Russian military officers General Kuropatkin, the Russian War Minister, will revisit Port Arthur.

The Korean Government has declared its neutrality in the event of war. The British Minister at Seoul, Mr. John Newell Jordhan, has approved of the declaration.

THE ISSUE OF WAR.

WILL THE JAPANESE WIN?

The ordinary English view of the issue between Russia and Japan is coloured by a view of the strategic position which is much too favourable to Japan. If it were generally realised that Japan could not possibly win, writes a correspondent of the "Manchetser Guardian", much of the English influence now cast on the side of war would be employed in smoothing over the difficulties and working for a peaceful settlement.

The English people have grasped very clearly two important facts in the Russian military problem. Fresh from our experience in the South African war, we are greatly impressed by the length of the Russian lines-of-communication through Manchuria and Siberia. It is believed that Russia could not possibly maintain them intact, and further that, even if she did, a single line of railway could not feed an army great enough to resist a Japanese invasion. This argument, however, depends on two conditions—first, that the Russin army would be unable to live on the country, and, secondly, that it would be unable to draw supplies from the sea. Our own difficulties in South Africa did not become acute until the war had been in progress for some time and the devastation of the country had begun. The first condition, therefore, would certainly not be realised in Manchuria for some time after war had begun, and the second condition would depend on Japan's ability to maintain a blockade of the Manchurian ports. It is not clear how Japan could legally declare a blockade of ports belonging to a Power with which she is not at war. Such action, moreover, would bring her into somewhat violent collision with the commercial Powers, who would not readily submit to the stoppage of their trade or the inconvenience of their subjects. She would, therefore, be compelled in her own interests to localise the struggle round Port Arthur, and unless she were strong enough to drive the Russian fleet off the seas and land an army to invest Port Arthur she could not hurt Russia in Manchuria without also hurting every other Power that has commercial interests to protect.

RUSSIA'S PROBABLE STRATEGY.

It was recently pointed out that Russia might prefer to decline a naval engagement at the outset. Admiral Alexeieff is enough of a naval strategist to refuse to fight at sea unless there is a reasonable prospect of inflicting as much damage as he suffers. An engagement, therefore, would probably leave the relative strength of the two navies unchanged, except in so far as Russia would have greater difficulty in repairing the damage to her ships. It seems, however, more probable that, so long as the present proportion of power remains unchanged, Russia would simply withdraw her fleet to the protection of Port Arthur and Vladivostock. If she had expected to fight a naval engagement, she would before now have transferred the cruisers at Vladivostock to Port Arthur. The fact that she prefers to keep her inferior fleet divided seems to show that she does not mean to mean to risk it in an engagement against superior forces. She intends in fact to throw on Japan at the ouset the disadvantages of offence.

THE FLEET IN BEING.

There is a school of naval strategy which maintains that even a greatly inferior fleet so long as it is "in being" can prevent the transport of troops across sea. But we need not pin our faith to the extreme doctrine of the "fleet in being" to see how extremely hazardous an operation it would be for Japan to attempt to move troops across the sea so long as two undefeated Russian fleets existed whose combined strength was not much inferior to her own. Indeed, unless she could maintain a strong blockade of Port Arthur and Vladivostock, it would be little less than madness for her to think of landing any considerable army on the mainland. A single Russian gunboat escaped from Port Arthur would be quite equal to the task of destroying any number of defenceless transport. Now a strict blockade of Port Arthur and Vladivostock is absolutely out of the question for Japan. The condition of modern blockade were tested in the naval manœuvres of 1888. In those manœuvres Baird, the blockader, had seven iron-clads against the five of Tryon, who was blockaded; and Tryon escaped with ease. It was shown that under modern conditions an effective blockade was absolutely impossible except by a fleet at last double the strength of the blockaded force. Japan has not this superiority of force, and a blockade of the two Russian naval stations is therefore out of the question. Her superiority at sea is too slight to be of use to her.

It is true that in the war with China Japan invaded Korea and Manchuria without accounting for all the Chinese fleets. But even the invasion of Korea would have been impossible had the advice of Admiral Ting been taken. Ting wished to put to sea and fall upon the enemy's transports off the Korean coast, but was not allowed by his Government. The Japanese could not count on equal forbearance from the Russians. Besides, an invasion of Korea now would not solve any of the Japanese difficulties. In 1894 there was a small Chinese force under Yeh at Asan, south of Seoul, to overwhelm and expel; now there is no Russian force nearer than the Yalu, at the extreme northern end of Korea. The Japanese would have to march the whole length of the country before gaining their objective.

RUSSIA'S RESERVE.

But even supposing that Japan overcame all these difficulties and were successful in investing Port Arthur by sea and land, is it conceivable that Russia would consent to resign the command of the Far Eastern seas to an inferior naval Power? It must not be forgotten that the superiority of Japan at sea is only local. Russia could lose the whole of the fleet now in the Far East and yet bring to bear on Japan an overwhelming naval force of twenty battleships. Supposing that Russia were really in difficulties in the Far East, all that she need do to relieve Port Arthur, cut the sea communications of the Japanese army, and capture it would be to send the rest of her fleet to Eastern waters. There is only a musty treaty about the Dardanelles; to prevent it and to bribe the Sultan to connive at the passage of the Black Sea fleet would be the easiest thing possible for Russia. And in that case Japan would be helpless, and the greater the successes that she might have gained at the outset of the war the more irretrievable her final ruin.

THE RUSSIAN FORCES.

The Peking correspondent of the "Times" furnishes a corrected list of all the Russian forces at present east of Lake Baikal. They number 3,115 officers, 147,479 men, and 266 guns. The correspondent, having enumerated the officers and men of each arm, adds:—"In reading these figures it is necessary to remember and to understand certain facts about the Russian position. First, the line-of-communications between Manchuria and Western Siberia consists of a single line of lightly constructed railway; secondly, the Manchurian Railway, which is somewhat exposed to wreckage, traverses for 1,555 miles an unfriendly country whose people may possibly regard the Japanese as liberators; thirdly, the total strength given represents the full war-strength and assumes that not a single man is sick or absent nor a single gun disabled."

The correspondent further states that all the Russian fleet, except four armoured cruisers at Vladivostock, is at present at Port Arthur, wedged in a confined harbour, or rather basin, with only one dock available for repairs.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Free Traders and the Far East.

SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 8.

An enthusiastic gathering of city men took place at the Guildhall to-day.

The Duke of Devonshire, who presided, said in his address on the fiscal question that, whatever the differences were, all would unite in not embarrassing the Government in its anxious task of safeguarding the Empire's interests in the Far East.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 9.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Gerald Balfour replying to Mr. Morley's amendment on the fiscal question gave such emphatic assurances regarding the policy of the Government in the matter that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach declared that he could hardly ask more for the present. Moreover he said he never would desert the Government in the present foreign crisis, and opposed the amendment.

The "Standard" says that the Unionist free-traders are relieved from a painful dilemma and would certainly support the Government.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 9,

The London correspondent of the Lucknow "Indian Daily Telegraph" cables that the Government declined to make any pronouncement on "protection" and their policy.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INDIA AND FISCAL REFORM.

Government of India's Views.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 8.

The despatch from the Government of India, dated 22nd October, stating their views regarding Preferential tariffs will be published as a Blue-Book.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 9.

Information has been received that the views of the Government of India on the question of preferential tariffs as affecting India, which were sent home to the Secretary of State in a Despatch dated 22nd October last, with a minute by Sir Edward Law, have been published in a Blue-Book which was presented to Parliament on the 8th instant.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

Victoria's Sensational Collapse.

In the return-match at Melbourne play was resumed after lunch to-day. Victoria were all out in the first innings for 299. McAllister, who played a faultless game, scored 139.

Warner's team then went in and finished their first innings for 248; Hayward making 77.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 9.

In the return-match at Melbourne the Victorians were all out in the second innings for fifteen. The first four wickets fell for no runs.

THE TEA DUTY.

Memorial for Reduction.

The Tea Trade has memorialised the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce the tea duty, adducing statistics in support of the memorial.

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CALCUTTA VICTORIA MEMORIAL

ARRIVAL OF THE ARCHITECT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 9.

Sir William Emerson has arrived here to-day and is staying at Government House. He finds the work of clearing the site for the Victoria Memorial already well in hand. Trees have been cut down and the area fenced in, and an army of coolies is at work moving the earth to a level place.

BIG FIRE IN CALCUTTA.

GREAT LOSS.

A big fire broke out this evening in the Barra Bazar locality at the back of the Calcutta Mint. It originated in a large mat-godown where ghee was stored. Over a lakh rupees' worth of ghee was destroyed and the entire busti of mat and other dwellings was soon involved. The fire is still raging.

A RAILWAY DERAILMENT

NO SERIOUS LOSSES.

POONA FFBRUARY, 10.

A derailment occurred this morning at the Hadapsur Station with the first morning Raichur passenger train leaving for Poona. The engine passed over the outer points on to the main line safely enough, but the tender apparently slipped off the points. As it left the track it was a strange thing that the brakevan and the carriage immediately behind the derailed tender passed safely over the very points where the the latter came to grief. The main line being blocked assistance had to be wired for from Poona. A relief train was sent down and the passengers were transhipped and brought to Poona about midday.

TINNEVELLY MISSION CASE.

PROSECUTION OF MISSION REFUSED.

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 9.

At the High Court to-day, before a full bench consisting of Sir James Davies, and Mr. Justices Benson, Boddam and Moore, Mr. Eardley-Norton, on behalf of Mr. J. Sivaswamy Iyer, Secretary of the Vakils Association, Madras, made an application for a rule to be issued committing the Rev. H. Spencer and the Rev. W. B. Truehella, editors of the "Harvest Field," a missionary magazine, published at Mysore, for contempt of court in having published in the January number of that paper grossly-libellous comments on the judgments of the officiating Chief Justice and Sir V. Bhashyam Iyengar in the Tinnevelly Conversion Case. Counsel explained that he did not profess to come forward as a complainant in the case nor did the Vakils Association, which he represented, wish to shirk its own responsibility in the matter, but he ventured to state that the comments appearing in the paper amounted to be so grave and so gross an insult and contempt of the High Court that the Vakils Association felt it to be its duty to bring the same to the notice of the court. Counsel explained the facts of the case and argued that the publication referred to clearly amounted to contempt inasmuch as it imputed bias to two judges and impugned the impartiality of the judges referred to. He also argued that their lordships had the jurisdiction to make an order in the case although the missionary gentlemen referred to were residing in Mysore. Counsel further quoted authorities in support of his view that a comment of the nature referred to amounted to contempt although the judicial proceedings upon which they were directed had actually terminated.

Their lordships refused the issue of a notice though they held that the article was grossly libellous; but they considered the paper was too insignificant to take notice of.

MADRAS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 9.

In the Madras Association Football Tournament the Madras Gymkhana met the Middlesex Regiment. The game, which was watched by enormous crowds, was a very close one, but when half-time was reached neither side had scored. In the second half the referee gave a penalty against the Gymkhana, which decision gave rise to some comment. From this the Middlesex scored. The Gymkhana also scored, but were ruled offside, and the Middlesex won by one goal to nil.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Colonel H. Hart, R. E., is permitted to retire with effect from the 13th instant.

Brigadier-General DeVoeux has eight month's leave outside India.

Surgeon-General Sir Thomas Gallway, P. M. O., India, has eight months' leave outside India.

In consequence of the scarcity of candidates for appointment to adjutantcies of the auxiliary forces, it is announced that officers who have qualified at a school of musketry, either at Hythe or in India, will for the present be eligible for appointments subject to their passing for promotion at the first available opportunity and obtaining a signalling certificate within six months of the date of the "London Gazette" in which their appointments are notified.

HIS EXCELLENCY Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, accompanied by one of his A.-D.-C.'s, paid a visit to the Royal Alfred Sailors' Home this morning. The entrance to the Institution was gaily decorated with flags and foliage. His Excellency was received by Captain Goodridge, C. I. E., Director of the Royal Indian Marine, who is also the President of the Institution, Captain F. E. Hardcastle, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. F. Hamilton, Honorary Treasurer, Captain Pelham, Commander of the Fox, and Mr. C. Lauder, Superintendent of the Home. His Excellency was conducted over the premises by Captain Goodridge, and expressed his satisfaction at the arrangements made for the comfort of sailors. The crew of the Fox, who are at present residing in the Home, were present during his Excellency's visit. Before leaving Lord Lamington made an entry in the visitors' book to the effect that it gave him much pleasure to visit an institution so well built, and under such good and careful management and of practical use.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

RECEPTION AT FREMANTLE.

A TELEGRAM from Fremantle to the Melbourne "Age," states:—The new Governor-General of Australia, Lord Northcote arrived at Fremantle on January 13th from London in the R. M. S. Moldavia. Upon landing, his lordship received telegrams of welcome from Lord Tennyson, the Prime Minister, Mr. Deakin, the State Premier and other public men, and in reply despatched messages of thanks.

Lord Northcote was accompanied by Lady Northcote, Captain the Hon. F. Greville and Captain S. Stephens, A. D. C.'s and Mr. Bulkeley-Johnstone, private secretary. His Excellency and Lady Northcote were taken up the Swan River in a launch to Government House, where they were the guest of the Governor (Sir Fredrick Bedford.)

Lord and Lady Northcote were very popular aboard the steamer. Lady Northcote entertained all the children on the ship on Christmas day.

It was a little after 6 o'clock in the morning that R. M. S. Moldavia was sighted entering the roads. Soon after the launch Susan proceeded to meet the vessel, with the medical officer on board. The steamer was flying the yellow flag as a sign that she had sickness on board. The doctor went on board whilst an army of journalists waited on the launch. After a wait of some 15 minutes Dr. Pope reappeared and announced that there were two cases of a suspicious sickness, and that no one would be allowed on board until another medical man had given an opinion. In the meantime the steamer was moored in the river.

After a second medical gentleman had pronounced the sickness to be nothing more serious than chicken pox, the vessel was allowed to come alongside the quay. Here Sir John Forrest and Sir George Shenton boarded the Moldavia, and were introduced to his Excellency, who was sitting with Lady Northcote in the music saloon. The new Governor-General, says the Fremantle correspondent, is in stature rather under the medium height, and does not look older than 40. He was dressed in a light tweed sac suit, and wore a soft hat. He seemed nervous, and, indeed, his fellow passengers state that throughout the voyage he has suffered rather severely through nervousness. Soon after Mr. Morgans's launch, the Francesca, arrived from Perth, and his Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Basford, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Ricardo, Captain Darvall and Mr. Morgans, entered the room and shook hands with Lord Northcote. A little time was passed in chat, and then the party left in the launch for Perth. The shipping in the harbor was gaily decorated with bunting in his Excellency's honor, and a large crowd of people was waiting on the quay in hopes of catching a glimpse of the new Governor-General. Lord Northcote refused to be interviewed. The journey up the Swan River was not as pleasant as it might have been, as the temperature was about 100 deg. in the shade. On entering Freshwater Bay a huge cloud of smoke was observed in the direction of Perth, and it was soon seen that a bush fire was burning furiously in King's Park, overlooking the city. About noon the fire was at its height, and smoke was overlying the city. His Excellency thus had an early opportunity of witnessing the devastation wrought by an Australian bush fire.

Lord Northcote landed at the William-street jetty, Perth, about 12-30 o'clock. As Lord Northcote and his aide-de-camp stepped ashore three cheers were called for. Sir John Forrest's burly form was then seen, and someone called, "Three cheers for Jack." The Minister for Home Affairs smiled his acknowledgement of the compliment.

Among those who accompanied Lord Northcote from Fremantle were the Governor, Sir Frederick Bedford, Captain Horne, A.D.C., and Colonel Byron, Sir John Forrest, Sir George Shenton; the Premier, Mr. W. James; Mr. Morgans, M.L.A., the military commandant, Lieutnant-Colonel Ricardo, and Captain Darvall. The Governor-General and party were driven to Government House, and were entertained by the Governor at a luncheon party.

The Moldavia resumed her voyage at 6 p.m.

THE LONDON LADIES' TRIO.

FAREWELL CONCERT.

A CHARMING entertainment was given last evening at the Town Hall by the London Ladies' Trio, this being the last appearance of this talented trio of artistes in this city. The attendance was satisfactory and extremely appreciative; and the programme was selected with a view to pleasing all tastes. When these ladies last appeared at the Town Hall, their music, though in every sense artistic, was of the severe rather than the popular order. Last evening the programme was hardly of so classical a character. However, it was in every sense a treat. Miss Murkens opened with a fascinating number, Bach-Wilhelmj's "Aria on G. String." She charmed her audience with the extreme technical ability displayed in the interpretation of this attractive little composition. Her other contributions to the programme where the well-known "Reverie" (Vieuxtemps), and the "Dance Tzigane" (Nachez), a piece beloved of all violinists, which she rendered in response to a general request. In both these pieces her harmonics were ravishing, and the general executive ability she displayed of a character that we certainly have not heard in Bombay for a long time past. We ought not to forget to mention that in her opening number Miss Murkens was accompanied upon the organ by Mr. G. R. Johnston. That gentleman's playing was in every sense artistic. Miss Grace Oakley contributed three songs to the programme. She was in fine voice and her clarion soprano without effort filled the hall. Her first song was "Should He Upbraid?" (Bishop). Needless to say the Miss Oakley's rendering of this old composition elicited an unanimous demand for an encore; and applause was just as spontaneous and as general after her singing of "If You But Knew" (A. Kinnison) and "Nevertheless", the latter quite a charming little composition by Miss Murkens. Miss Edith Merrylees gave a finished and scholarly rendering of Chopin's "Prelude", her velvety and sympathetic touch assuring a remarkably fine interpretation of that composer. Another charming pianoforte selection by Miss Merrylees was "Irish Rhapsody" (Rosenthal). The three ladies joined in "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod), rendered as a vocal and instrumental trio. Mr. Edgar Faulkner also lent his services, and his admirable tenor was a pleasing feature of a really charming programme. He sang "Lend Me Your Aid" (Gounod) and "Come into the Garden, Maud." Bombay has been fortunate to have had the privilege of listening to such really excellent music.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

It should not be forgotten that to-day and on Saturday special matinees will be given by the management of Harmston's Circus, at which gold and silver watches will be presented amongst the children who attend. On Friday evening an amateur riding concert is to take place and this should prove a great attraction. Trophies are to be presented to the winning jockeys and trainers in the Grand Western Handicap and Byculla Club Cup at the Bombay races. This week's programme is attracting large attendances, and the performance continues to enjoy great success in every way.

WARREN'S CIRCUS.

Warren's circus continues to attract large houses. An interesting performance will be given to-morrow night under the patronage and in the presence of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Lamington and a party from Government House. A large attendance is expected for this performance. To-night's performance will be given for the benefit of Ninny, the continental clown. Those who have seen and laughed at the eccentricities of this clever artiste will be sure to desire to swell the numbers of those who visit the circus this evening. Souvenir matinees will be given to-day and on Saturday, at which watches will be presented to the children who attend. On Friday night a bicycle will be given away. A special programme is promised tomorrow evening.

ART, MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

THE GRAFTON GALLERY EXHIBITION.

CONCERT AT THE AEOLIAN HALL.

"THE DUKE OF KILLICRANKIE."

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

A SECOND "International" exhibition has opened in the Grafton Galleries: that of the Women's International Art Club, a club founded, if we remember aright, as the issue of a number of studio talks in Paris. It fulfilment approximated to the promise of the titles, these two international exhibitions opened within a week should serve to lift from London the charge of æsthetic parochialism or insularity. Unfortunately the "Women's International" is in no way comparable as a show with that of the Society over which Rodin presides. Mlle. Olga de Boznanska is a contributor to each, and in Grafton-street her four pictures—grouped together as are those by other artists—from a pleasant feature in the Central Gallery: "Baby" especially, with the soft greys and brown, the notes of blue and white on the table. Among the 520 exhibits in various kinds, pictures, drawings, miniatures, enamels, examples of needlework, etc., a lamentably large proportion belongs to two classes: the tentative, in a weak, amateurish kind of way, the derivative, with little suggestion of power to assimilate. A centre is given in the large gallery to Mlle. Helene Von Beekerath's "En Bretagne," a lamplit tavern scene, vigorously carried out, and prominently hung are pictures by Miss N. Labouchere, Mrs. L. D. Joseph, Miss M. Lancaster Lucas. In the farther gallery are portraits in chalk on tinted paper by Miss Katherine Kinsella, particularly pleasant in handling, in disposition of accents, in general effect. They have something in common with the Holbein-like drawings by Mr. William Strang. Among the relatives of well-known artists who send are Mrs. Winifred Cayley-Robinson, represented by a couple of caskets decorated in gesso, and three painted panels, and Mrs. Charlotte Mura. This year we miss, however, Mdme. Mesdag, a capable flower painter, and Mdme. Thanlow. Mlle. Peureux sends 21 exhibits, mostly objects of art; Miss Nancy Knaggs 19, including enamels and landscape studies in oils; Miss E. C. Woodward, 18, chiefly enamels and jewellery.

On Thursday night, at the Æolian hall, Mr. Charles W. Clark gave a vocal recital, in which he was assisted at the pianoforte by Miss Norah Drewett. Mr. Henry R. Bird being the accompanist. Mr Clark is an artist of really great attainments, and his singing throughout the evening was distinguished by singular vocal beauty, no less than by great intelligence. His choice of song was also extremely interesting, embracing in its course the names of Schubert, Schumann, Faure, and others. We own to feeling something not unlike fanaticism towards the song-writing of Schumann, and Mr. Clark's singing of "Fruhlingsnacht," for example, was marked by that inner sense of restrained passion and that white-hot feeling for an immediate musical emotion which so individualise the song-work of Schumann. For an encore Mr. Clark sang that composer's "Ich grolle nicht" with really splendid intelligence. He possesses not only a fine voice, but also a very fine method to using his voice; that is to say, you feel the musician in the interpreter no less than in the writer of the songs which the interpreter chooses to sing for us. Moreover, Mr. Clark is a various artist; he does not by any means lead one to convince him of monotony, on the contrary, he surprises one by his sense of variety and by his definite versatility, as it is exhibited towards music which has been inspired by variously different emotions. Mr. Lucas accompanied two of his own songs, "The Rainy Day" and "The Fountains Mingle," the latter of which was specially written for Mr. Clark; both compositions are artistically pretty and attractive, even if at times they are a little monotonous. Miss Drewett's pianoforte playing was somewhat eccentric from the point of view of "tempo," but it was clear that she had her own views upon the interpretation of works by such composers as Bach Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Liszt that is to say, she was not content with the outlook taken by the average artist towards these well-known composers, but preferred to adopt a personal attitude towards their musical meaning, their musical significance. Mr. Henry R Bird, who, as we have said, was the accompanist of the evening, was in his own way quite perfect; and it was delightful to note that the acoustic of the hall was in every respect completely satisfactory. In this concert-room we have a most admirable addition to the provision made by London "entrepreneurs" for the interpretation of the highest and most attractive chamber-music, vocal or instrumental.

IT is something nowadays for a playwright to have any clear notion of the kind of play he is writing. Some call their work a comedy when it is really the veriest farce, relieved, may be with spasms of the veriest melodrama. Others describe any piece of homicidal tendencies as a tragedy, no matter how little it touches the heart. Others, again, not knowing what else to call their pieces, take refuse in the vague word "play." Mr. Robert Marshall knows what he is about. He calls The Duke of Killicrankie, which on Wednesday night at the Creterion carried all before it, a farcical romance. And thanks to his never forgetting what manner of play he sat down to write, a farcical romance it is at every turn. That a duke of vast Highland estates should abduct the girl he loves and seek to win her by holding her captive in one of his desolate northern fortresses; that she, while bitterly resenting her captivity, should yet, on being liberated, feel she cannot do without her wrongdoer, is pure romance. And Mr. Marshall never for a moment loses touch with romance, so that when we get to the third act the love-scenes in the very beautiful courtyard of Crag-o'-North come as naturally and as charmingly as if there had never been any gibes at the "Encyclopædia" Britannica, the house of Commons, the "Times" competition, the year's rain, the Albert Memorial, and scores of other sublunary things, the mere mention of which is sufficient to raise a laugh. On the other hand, Captain Marshall never forgets that the romance he is writing is farcical, never so commits us to feeling that we are not ready to accompany him cheerfully on any excursion he makes into the realms of wit, chaff and humbug. The farcical element is also kept well in view by a sub-plot, so neatly interwoven with the main plot that we have no sense of alternation. Killicrankie finds a confederate in Pitt-Welby, best described by the Glue King's rich widow, whose hand and fortune he seeks in marriage as a worm. This impecunious, spiritless, passionless, dreary, self-seeking M.P. makes it a condition of his assistance that Mrs. Mulholland should also be decoyed, and what Killicrankie does in romance with Lady Henrietta, Pitt-Welby repeats, no less successfully, with Mrs. Mulholland in burlesque. And the clash of approved romantic methods with modern and matter-of-fact surroundings produces delightful results. To carry out the abduction, a railway porter at Perth has to be tipped into putting the ladies into the wrong half of the train. The lady-captives, with whom Pitt-Welby makes common cause, pass in review the established romantic modes of achieving freedom. He is to leap from a turret casement on to the top of a fir-tree; he is, more mercifully, to be lowered by strips of blanket as far as they will extend. He is to bear the brunt of other heroic remedies, in which he perceives only so many attacks on his life.

The mode finally selected, that of throwing from the outer walls stones with explanatory letters attached, only leads to a newspaper "sensation," and a visit from an enterprising journalist with a Kodak who, disguised as the postman, delivers to the ladies a halfpenny paper in which he has made them the heroines of the "silly season," and has had reproduced crude portraits that they do not think flattering. Mr. Mulholland comes off even worse. For the "Daily Post" has blazoned her abroad as the aggressive party, as having at last run to earth Pitt-Welby, the man from whose attention it has been her one object to escape. Of course the postman incident is absurd. Well, so is the whole story. Captain

Marshall has met that objection. He has never asked us to believe anything. He has made his plane and from that plane he never diverges one inch. "The Duke of Killicrankie" insists on being taken in the right spirit, and taken in that spirit it is one of the most amusing plays that have been produced for years. Much of the laughter comes of the use of catchwards. There are always scores of things that have only to be alluded to with a grin to provoke merriment. Of those now in circulation, perhaps the only one passed over is the "Hidden Treasure." The "Encyclopædia Britannica" is thrice referred to, and is noteworthy that the only time when its mention did not cause a titter was the third, when alone Mr. Marshall had hitched on to it a joke of his own. They had had enough of that, and wanted the next article. But outside these jokes ex-officio there were innumerable other sallies which kept the audience in a simmer of amusement. Few, if any of them, were very substantial. The great majority were of what may be called the circulating capital of wit, exhausted in a single use. And so we give "The Duke of Killicrankie" a year. It will delight everybody once. If not champagne, it is at least excellent champagne-cup.

To the collection of Whistler drawings at the Goupil Gallery there have been added a number of pastels, water-colours, black-and-whites, etchings, lithographs, etc., until now there are no fewer than 92 small works. Several of the pastels and black-and-white drawings on brown paper, slight though they be, are full of the charm which belongs to nearly everything Whistler touched. Attention may be directed to the "Little Miss Alexander," a study on a small scale for the famous picture now at the Burlington Fine Arts Club. The finished work far more than fulfilled the promise of the study. On an easel in the centre of the room are some Whistler relics. There are "Sam Weller's Landlord in the Fleet," a drawing executed when the artist was about twelve; "The School on Fire," illustrating the incident of how the boys at the school of Ponfret, U. S. A., where Whistler was helped to put out a fire which there broke out; a photograph of a pastel by the then art master at St. Petersburg of James McNeill and his brother, the late Dr. Whistler, as boys—and beautiful boys they were, and beautifully grouped in the pastel; a reproduction of Boxall's portrait of Whistler at the age of 14; and a photograph, with inscription by the artist to the sitter, of the famous Luxembourg portrait. Mr. John Tweed's bas-relief of Rodin is in the same room.

The Ostend polo tournaments ought to be a big success this year, for Captain E D. Miller has accepted an invitation to manage them, and has been over to Ostend to superintend the laying out of the three new grounds. Polo was inaugurated in Belgium last July, but the tournaments were completely spoiled by the wretchedly wet weather, and as the ground in the middle of the racecourse (called the Wellington Hippodorome) was soon under water, recourse was had to the sands at low tide. There will be two tournaments during the fortnight—namely, the Continental Championship, beginning on July 11 and the open tournament (during the week ending July 25) in which English teams may compete. Many of the players will afterwards doubtless go on to Normandy for the annual Deauville tournaments, which are managed by Mr. F. A. Gill, of the Ranelagh Club, and begin on or about the 9th of August, lasting for a fortnight. In Paris polo starts about the middle of April, the feature of the season there being the competition for the International Cup, which was first played in 1893, when the 17th Lancers won it. This year the executive committee of the club, consisting of the Marquis de Ganar (President), the Marquis de Villavieja, Baron Lejeune, and M. Luis de Errazu are very anxious that an American team should compete, and have asked Mr. H. L. Herbert, the chairman of the United States Polo Association, to try and make up a strong team of four American players, citizens of and residing in the United States. The Paris Polo club offered to pay for the transport of such a team's sixteen ponies from New York to Paris, and to provide keep and stabling in the capital for one month. The tournament is provisionally fixed for the first week in June, but the visitors are offered the choice of any other date between May 10 and July 1. There is also a very enterprising club at Hamburg, and they are contemplating sending out a team to America to participate in the polo tournaments which are to be held this summer at the St. Louis Exhibition. Polo is also played with considerable keenness at Buda Pesth, St. Petersburg, Madrid, Seville, and Constantinople, while it was successfully started last season at Frankfort and in Rome.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. to-day, give the following results:—

Wards	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	9	1	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umer Khadi and Dongri	15	7	19
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	22	11	19
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	8	6	10
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	12	10	24
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	8	5	10
G Mahim and Worli	6	6	18
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Residents and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	7	13
Total	80	53	117
Total plague deaths to date	285,606	217,479	
Same date last year	82	74	187

INOCULATION.

The statement of Plague Prophylactic issued from the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, on the 8th February, was as under:—Civil Surgeon Jhansi, 24 doses; Medical Officer Victoria Hospital Benares, 50 doses; Medical Officer, Lady Elgin Hospital Gaya, 362 doses; Professor E. G. Tewksbury North China College Peking China, 607 doses.

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending to-day was 938 as against 917 during the previous week. Of the total number 419 died from plague, which showed an increase of 35 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 1,434 which included 649 deaths from plague.

The Kaiser is said to be highly incensed at the duelling sensation in the 64th Artillery Regt. at Pirna in Saxony. Chief Lieut. Krohn, who sought to avenge the wrongs he had suffered at the hands of his faithless wife and her apparently numerous lovers, was placed "hors de combat" by a shot in the shoulder in his ninth successive duel. He worsted his eight previous antagonists, two of whom lie at the point of death. It is stated that Lieut. Krohn's regimental "court of honour" decreed that he must avenge himself on the duelling-ground. Lieut. Krohn, says the "Telegraph" correspondent, ranks as a serious and brilliant officer, and married his wife, who is neither beautiful nor wealthy, it is said out of pure love.

Floriline.—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Floriline sprinkled on a wet toothbrush produces a pleasant lather which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. The Fragrant Floriline being composed in parts of Honey and Sweet Herbs is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot 33, Farringdon Road London, England.

FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe presided at a sitting of the court yesterday; and the following cases were tried before his lordship and a common jury.

CULPABLE HOMICIDE OF A WIFE.

Laxman Pandu, a cobbler, residing in Arthur Road was charged with committing culpable homicide amounting to murder. Mr. Rustom Wadia, instructed by Mr. Bowen, Public Prosecutor, appeared to prosecute. Mr. D. B. Binning defended the accused. The case for the prosecution was that Bhagi, woman, a widowed relation of the accused, lived in the same room with the accused and his wife. The women were not friendly, and Bhagi used to complain to the accused about their quarrels, and the accused thereupon beat his wife Baya, who was also known by the name of Saku. On 7th January last, at about half past five o'clock, the neighbours heard Baya's cries "I am killed, run, run." When they went up to the room on the first storey they saw the accused kicking and striking her violently. On their remonstrating with him he said "Go away, mind your business; we husband and wife will do what we like." He spoke to them in such a threatening tone that they were afraid lest he should assault them. One of them eventually ran to call a policeman, who on his arrival, saw the woman lying on her bedding, she having already breathed her last. Accused was arrested and taken to the police station.

Mr. Wadia said he regretted the absence of Dr. Powell, Surgeon to the Coroner, who had given his evidence in the case before the committing Magistrate, Mr. P. H. Dastur. Superintendent Williamson had made all efforts to find him but had failed. Counsel believed there was a section of the Criminal Procedure Code under which the deposition could be admitted by the Court as evidence. The Doctor knew his presence was required.

The Judge: Yes, it is Section 509—" The deposition of the Civil Surgeon or other medical witness taken and attested by a Magistrate in the presence of the accused, or taken on commission under Chapter XI, may be given in evidence in any enquiry, trial or other proceeding under this Code although the deponent is not called as a witness."

Inspector Priestly, who was in charge of the case, examined by the Court, said he had heard Dr. Powell give his evidence before the Magistrate in the Police Court. Accused was asked if he wanted to put questions to the Doctor, but he declined.

His Lordship admitted the evidence. It was read out by Mr. Wadia. It stated that there were six wheals on the back and buttocks, such as might be caused by a cane. The belly cavity was distended with blood. The large portal vein going through the liver was torn; and the spleen, enlarged by fever, was ruptured. Great force would have been necessary to tear the vein. Death was due to the hemorrhage from the ruptured vein and spleen. The rupture could have been caused by anyone jumping on the body or kicking on the abdomen with great violence.

The accused, questioned by the Court, said he struck his wife with a cane in the morning, three or four cuts only. He wanted to go out early, and told her to give him some hot water. She refused. He and his landlord being on inimical terms, and one of the witnesses, Madhu, being the landlord's relation and the other witnesses being the landlord's tenants, they had all come forward to depose against him that he had kicked his wife and beaten her to death.

Mr. Binning, in addressing the jury, said he was a good deal hampered by having no opportunity to cross-examine Dr. Powell, who had stated about the wheals, but said nothing about the bruises which should have been caused by the alleged violent kicks and blows. Some of the witnesses for the prosecution had stuck to the kicks and blows story, while others had said there were some cuts with a cane only. The latter was the usual treatment by a native husband of his idle lazy wife in an unhappy household like the accused's. He, therefore, asked the jury, to bring in a verdict of causing simple hurt.

The Judge, in his charge to the jury, said the evidence was conflicting to some extent, four witnesses having deposed to a violent assault in the afternoon accompanied by kicks and blows, while two female witnesses had deposed to an assault in the morning when a few cuts were given with a cane. It was for the jury to determine which of the two stories was true. The counsel for the defence no doubt laboured under the difficulty of not cross-examining Dr. Powell, but the law was that a medical witness's evidence given before a Magistrate was admissible in the proceedings. His Lordship read the whole of Dr. Powell's evidence.

The jury unanimously found the accused guilty of causing grievous hurt, and he was sentenced by the Judge to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

ALLEGED BIGAMY BY A MAHOMEDAN WOMAN.

Fatmabi, a Mahomedan woman, was tried on a charge of bigamy. Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution. The accused requested the Judge to allow her a counsel to defend her. The Judge asked Mr. Rustom Wadia to take up her defence, which he readily undertook.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, in addressing the jury, remarked the facts were exceedingly brief and simple. Accused was married to Sheikh Yakub Abdula and they resided as husband and wife for seven years. The Sheikh was a sea-faring man and when he came back from his first voyage he saw her at her mother's, but when he returned from his second voyage he found her married to another man named Fansalkar. Her defence in the lower court was that she had been divorced and witnesses were brought from her husband's tea-shop, for he kept a tea-shop prior to his becoming a sea-faring man, to prove that Sheikh Yakub had pronounced the word "Talak" three times according to Mahomedan law. Against this fact the prosecution would bring forward a petition presented by the accused to the Kazi requesting him to free her by pronouncing a divorce in her favour as her husband had married a second wife.

The accused, in her statement to the Court, said she might have undergone a ceremony believed to be a "nika" with Sheikh Yakub. She was married to Fansalkar four months ago as Sheikh Yakub had refused to maintain her, and subsequently deserted her. She waited for him for about a year and then married Fansalkar.

Mr. Wadia read a written statement for the defence which stated, among other things, that about sixteen years ago she was married to Sheikh Ali Saheb Mahomed Kasam Fansalkar at Bankote, who was constantly going out on voyages, being a sea-faring man. Since his last voyage, as he neither returned nor was heard of, she, after remaining for ten years his wife, married the complainant Sheikh Yakub Abdula, who also was a sea-faring man. She was informed, prior to the present marriage, by Sheikh Yakub that her husband was dead. Sheikh Yakub had a tea-shop, in which he gave her advorce by pronouncing the word "Talak" three times in the presence of two witnesses. In the middle of September last she saw her first husband alive and well at Mazagon and married him again.

Fansalkar was examined for the defence. He said accused came to him, begged his pardon, and said Sheik Yakub had divorced her and foresaken her. Then he married her a second time. The first time he married her was at Bankote about fourteen years ago, when her father Banseker acted as her vakil.

The Sessions were adjourned till this morning.

THE WEATHER.

Observations taken at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, the 9th February.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has recovered briskly in Sind but continues to decrease everywhere else. The barometer is from ·05 to ·09 below normal on the West Coast.

Winds are north-westerly to south-westerly in the Punjab and at Allahabad and Malegaon, while north-easterly to south-easterly breezes or calms prevail elsewhere. Force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—The maximum is from 6° to 7° in excess of normal at Jaipur, Surat, Deesa, Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar, while the minimum is 8° to 9° in defect at Bijapur, Raipur and Jubbulpore. The maximum varied from 94° at Surat to 75° at Lahore and the minimum from 71 at Negapatam to 42° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in the extreme south.

Rain.—Nil.

Weather continues fine, but pressure on the West Coast is slightly below normal.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

The "Times of India" Directory for 1904 is brought up to date with information on every subject that Bombay residents or visitors may desire or require to know. There is a Mufussil and a Railway Directory, besides the local one. Indian Army and Civil Lists, Commercial and Residents Directory, usual items connected with the year's Calendar, Postal and Parliamentary information, besides a host of miscellaneous odds and-ends of much use in daily reference. The whole is well bound in the customary dark-green cover, with likenesses of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Lamington as a frontispiece.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

The Report of the Committee of the Bombay Gymkhana for the half-year ending 31st December last, which will be submitted to the General Meeting to be held on Monday, the 22nd instant states:—The total number of members of the Gymkhana is 2,194 of whom 491 were resident on 31st December 1903. 47 new Members were elected during the half-year and 9 resigned. 45 temporary Members were elected during the half-year. At the last half-yearly Meeting, held on the 24th of August 1903, the Managing Committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—

The Hon. Mr. Justice L. P. Russell, President; H. P. Hebblethwaite, Joint Hon. Sec. and Treasurer W. A. Haig Brown, Joint Hon. Secretary; J. H. Beath Hon. Secretary, Boats; G. W. Gilchrist, Hon. Secretary, Bowls; A. H. S. Aston, Hon. Secretary Cricket; H. R. Greaves, Hon. Secretary, Golf. W. P. Peshey, Hon. Secretary, Lawn Tennis. R. F. R Cooke, Hon. Secretary Polo. A. C. W. Foxbery Hon. Secretary Racquets; P. J. Arnot, Hon. Secretary Football and Hockey; F. A. Prevost, H. E. E. Procter, C. H. S. Boggs, and Marshall F. Reid, Additional Members.

The following changes have taken place in the Managing Committee during the half-year:—

Boats.—Mr. E. R. H. Jackson undertook the duties of Boats Secretary in place of Mr. J. H. Beath, resigned.

Golf.—Mr. C. M. Gray accepted the post of Golf Secretary on the resignation of Mr. H. R. Greaves.

Polo.—Mr. D. N. Graham undertook the duties of Polo Secretary, vice Mr. R. F. R. Cooke, resigned.

During the half-year the Rules of the Club were revised and an extraordinary General Meeting for this purpose was held in August, and the Committee was increased by one Member, a seat being allotted to the Honorary Secretary for Mounted Sports, and Mr. T. L. Roberts was appointed.

It was also decided to alter the system of Election of Members, and the following Balloting Committees were elected:—W. J. A. Foulkes, J. A. Lord, F. J. Rome, O. C. B. Wimbush, J. Craig, H. G. W. Meikle, J. Sliven, R. G. Campbell, A. G. Rumbold, W. J. K. Hegarty, W. L. Firth, J. C. Kiddle, Capt. A. D. Creagh, P. J. Mead, and H. Chastham.

The following changes in the Balloting Committee have taken place during the past half-year:—Mr H. E. Hart and Captain J. H. McDonald, I. M. S., accepted the invitations of the Managing Committee to be Members of the Balloting Committee, vice Messrs. P. J. Mead and R. G. Campbell, resigned.

Cricket.—The season from June to September was on the whole uneventful. During October additional matches were arranged by Captain McDonald, who took over charge during the absence of the Cricket Secretary. A cold weather season has been held and has been attended with fair success.

Polo.—Polo was regularly played throughout the rains, and was kept up until the beginning of October, when it was decided to close for the season on account of many players moving out into the suburbs for the cold weather. The ground was got into excellent condition for the Polo Tournament that was to have taken place in October, but it is to be regretted that owing to insufficient entries it had to be postponed.

Racquets.—The court was fairly well attended during the six months under report, the average number of players being 21.

Lawn Tennis.—After the monsoon the courts were relaid, and have, on the whole, turned out well. One new court was also prepared and is now in good order. During the past 2 months a large number of players have been regularly using the courts.

Boats.—The boats have been fairly well patronised during the past half-year, and are in good condition, especially the Fours.

Golf.—During the monsoon there were two outstation matches played, the first against Poona at Poona, where the Bombay players suffered defeat and the second against Palli Hill as Palli, where Bombay was victorious. An endeavour was made to induce these teams to play return matches at Bombay, but without success. The new season has started well, though, as usual, in the dry season owing to tents, &c., the course has again been somewhat shortened.

The results of the competitions so far are as follows:—The Golfers' Cup Handicap won by Mr. Osborne Marshall, the St. Andrew's Gold Medal scratch won by Mr. Osborne Marshall, the Calcutta Silver Medal Handicap was won by Mr. B. H. Duxbury, the Madras Silver Medal was won by Mr. R. H. M. Steven.

Mounted Sports.—The Mud Sports were held as usual on Wednesday afternoons during the monsoon, whenever permitted and were fairly well supported. The Annual Athletic and Sporting Meeting was held during the last week in October.

The athletic events, confined to Members of the Gymkhana, did not meet with much support, and several events fell through in consequence. This is much to be regretted.

The Open and Regimental Competitions, however, filled exceedingly well as did all the events in the Mounted Sports, and taken as a whole the Meeting was a distinct success.

Football.—During the past season heavy rains interfered with practice games of Rugby. A Gymkhana Team went down to Madras in September to play in the Madras Gymkhana Tournament, and met the Madras Gymkhana in the first round, and after two hard games (on both occasions extra time was played) won by 5 points. The final was won by the Welsh Regiment. The Annual Rugby Tournament was held in October, and Calcutta, who very sportingly paid us a return visit, after lowering the colors of the Welsh Regiment by 10 points met the Glosters in the final and won the Cup.

Bowls.—The competition for the Bowls Cup was a great success, there being 32 entries. The final was won by Mr. J. Esplin, 7.

Members are reminded that the election of the Managing and Balloting Committees for the year 1904 will take place at the General Meeting to be held on Monday, the 22nd February 1904.

A statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Balance Sheet for the past half-year is attached.

It will be noticed that there is a Balance of Liabilities over Assets of-Rs. 1,174-1-10. This is due to the large expenditure rendered necessary by the relaying of the cricket pitch, the construction of a new tennis court and the printing of the revised rules, and also to the usual falling off in subscriptions and entrance fees during the latter part of the year.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

Head Quarters, Poona, 5th February 1904.

With the approval of the War Office the Lieut-Genl Commanding the Force is pleased to make the following appointment on his Personal Staff:—Brevet Lieut.-Col A. W. Money Royal Field Artillery to be Asst Military Secy and A-de-C vice Major C M Cartwright 36th Jacob's Horse vacated dated 26th Jan.

With the approval of H E the C-in-C in India the Lieut Genl Comdg the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—16th Mahrattas—Lieut R W L de B Smart York and Lancaster Regt attached 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regt as a Supernumerary for the Indian Army to be double Coy Officer dated 27th Jan and 119th Infy The Mooltan Regt—2nd Lieut W H Hodg on 1st Battalion the Royal Scots Fusiliers a candidate for the Indian Army to be double Coy Officer dated 2 st Jan.

The Lieut-Genl Comdg the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments:—The 101st Grenadiers—Lieut F A B Johnstone 32nd Lancers attached 32nd Queen's Own Light Cavalry on transfer to Native Infy to be double Coy Officer but will be attached for duty to the 102th Infy pending further orders; 11th Mahrattas—2nd Lieut W K Cook Unattached List to be double Company Officer, dated 22nd Jan 123rd Outtram's Rifles—Capt G Bailey, 101th Wellesley's Rifles, to command the Depot, 123rd Outram's Rifles, dated 24th Jan 125th Napier's Rifles—Capt F Fisher, 4th double Co Commander, 10th Pioneers, to be Officiating 2nd double Co Command dated 28th Jan 130th Baluchis—2nd Lieut FS Lindesay, Unattached List, to be double Co Officer, but to be attached to the 129th duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis until further orders, dated 23rd Jan Royal Army Medical Corps—Lieut-Col J D T Keckitt to be appointed Officer Comdg Station Hospital, Quetta and Major J H Cursis is appointed Officer Comdg Station Hospital, Colaba.

The following posting is ordered—Lieut G N Hill from No 9 Mountain Battery, R G A to 25th Mountain Battery.

Royal Army Medical Corps—The undermentioned officers, on arrival from England are posted as follows:—Lieut Col J D T Keckitt to Quetta Dist and Lieut N D Walker to Bombay Dist.

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The sum of £2,000 for a single tooth is surely the highest price on record. This is the amount that has been paid by a Russian railway company to Mlle Sarkisowa, one of the leading operatic singers in the country of the Tsars. About six months ago this lady was travelling by train, and when in the neighbourhood of Alexandropol there was a slight collision; the singer was thrown against the side of a carriage and had five of her teeth knocked out. She claimed from the company half a million francs as damages, and the railway officials offered her exactly 500 francs in settlement of the matter. This the prima donna most indignantly refused, and the case was accordingly heard the other day before the Civil Tribunal of St. Petersburg. Counsel for the fair plaintiff drew a harrowing picture of the damage that had been done to the singer's personal appearance by the loss of her front teeth, and showed how her operative career was ruined, as the accident had entirely spoilt the timbre of her voice. The Court sympathised with the fair plaintiff and awarded her the sum of 250,000 francs, or £2,000 per tooth.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

Nor only in Europe and Australia are questions being asked as to the decline in the birth-rate. According to the Statistical Atlas of the United States recently issued by the Census Office, the average number of persons in a family has steadily declined from 5·6 in 1850 to 4·7 in 1900. In 1870 the average was a shade over five. In 1900 the average in the various States ranged from more than five in Texas, North Carolina, and Virginia, down through 4·5 in Iowa and Illinois to 3·6 in Nevada. Nearly all the Southern States lead in the size of families, while the six New England States, with New York, California and Washington, bring up the rear. For New York the average is about 4·3.

The management of the Schiller Theatre at Berlin have evolved an ingenious method of avoiding fire panics in the building under their control. On the programme after a list of the material precautions taken against any outbreak of fire, an appeal is made to the audience to remember that the greatest danger lies not in the fire itself but in a consequent panic. The ingenious part of the notice lies in the fact that the reader is appealed to not so much to preserve his own senses, but to busy himself in seeing that his neighbours, in case of an outbreak, do not lose their presence of mind. If everyone busied himself in assisting other people not to lose their heads he would have no time to think about losing his own.

The mythical wife who was worth her weight in gold was evidently Bohemian. She seems to have descendants in Koniggratz, in Bohemia. The only difference is that the weight is in silver and not gold. A wealthy merchant of that city is blessed with five handsome daughters. He made it known to all concerned that on their wedding morning, before the departure for church, each should be weighed in the presence of her father, the bridegroom, and one or two friends. On the other side of the scale would be placed good Austrian crowns—lawful coin of the realm—in sufficient number to balance the weight of the young lady. A very short time after this announcement was made the eldest daughter—who, by the way, is the haviest—became engaged to a young lawyer, and the wedding-day was fixed to take place in a month. On the appointed morning the bridegroom attended with his witnesses at the merchant's house. The bride, who was reported to weigh some 14st. or so, took her place on the weighing machine, and it required 13,000 of the substantial coins aforementioned to bring the balance again to the horizontal. After the money had been duly handed over to the bridegroom the party proceeded to the parish church, and the happy pair became man and wife.

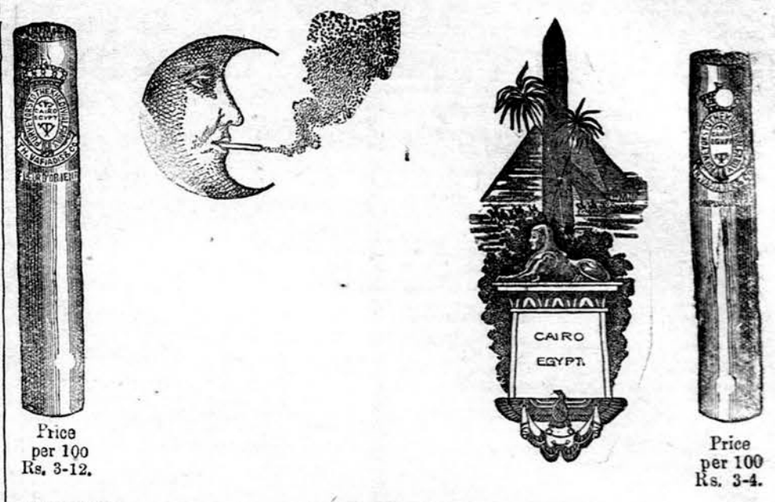
Not unnaturally, the news that an Imperial Saharean Palace is being secured in Brussels has caused a lively emulation among local humourists. Among the rumours which have "not" yet recieved official confirmation is one that Prince Victor Napoleon who also lives in Brussels, has been appointed Minister of Finance to the new Government, and that M. Jules Guerin, another resident, who was banished from France because of his heroic defence of "Fort" Chabrol is to be Minister of War. Another enticing rumour is that a National Anthem has been chosen for the Empire. It is set to a once-famous tune, and its title is Sahara-boom-deay! It is also rumoured that the true cause of this irruption into Belgian territory is to be found in the fact that the new Government, having taken a leaf out of the United States, book (this is really very unkind to our Transatlantic friends), is secretly fomenting a revolution in the neutral territory of Moresnet, which is shortly to be annexed to the Sahara. So far has the project proceeded that a proclamation is believed to be even now ready for publication in the Saharean "Government Gazette," containing, "inter alia" provision that any disputes with Germany or Belgium shall be settled by the Hugo Tribunal, and a request that German or Belgian journalists who jeer at the new Empire be forthwith extradited for "lese majesty."

There is no doubt about it. Plenty of romance is still to be found in the stories even of modern banditti. Sometimes they manage to infuse some of their own admirable cleverness into their natural enemies the gendarmerie, which is in a measure a modern improvement that commands respect. Here is a story from the Turkish Empire. A brigand named Nebi, after a long and estimable career of crime was closely followed by gendarmes, and at last took refuge in a house near Beimir, wherever that may be, a house with white walls and having only just enough external openings to be useful for shooting at gendarmes; a house indeed, such as seems to have been planned on purpose for such occasions. The police, after several attacks upon it, during which several of them fell felt it was time that something was done. Sergeant Hadji Heskin was the man to do it. Close at hand were several beehives, to which their inhabitants had only recently returned from Hymettus or thereabouts. The sergeant seized one and bearing it shield-wise, rushed towards the house. Once in the shelter of the walls he deftly cast the hive in at the window of the room which housed the brigand simultaneously his companions charged in line of battle. The brigand was too busy in warding off the attacks of the incensed bees to notice the gendarmes and fell an easy victim. A truly moral story—but what would M. Maeterlinck think of it?

It is rather late, or early, in the year for Christmas stories, but one which has just seen the light in a Viennese paper is worthy to be quoted. In a small town in Austrian Poland a certain small boy wished last Christmas, as a great many other small boys did, for certain presents. They included a horse, a wheelbarrow, and a sleigh. He prayed very earnestly for these gifts, but being a small boy of original mind he evolved an even more certain way of bringing them about. He procured a beautiful picture postcard of his native town, and wrote upon it: "Dear Lord, give me a horse, a wheelbarrow, and a sleigh. I can say the Lord's Prayer without one mistake." Then he addressed the postcard to "The Dear God, Heaven," stamped it, and posted it two days before Christmas. In due course the postcard reached the head post-office of the district. The postmaster was perhaps himself the father of a family. He scratched out the address, wrote instead "Refused by Saint Peter," and ordered its return to the sender, who with more prudence than one quite likes, had put his name and address on it. Even then the postmaster felt he had not done enough; he wanted to give some incontestable proof that the postcard had actually been sent and presumably that it was unwise to try again. Remembering no doubt that Paradise is outside the limits of the Austrian Empire, and, for that matter of the Postal Union he stamped the postcard with the Austrian equivalent of "Excess postage, 3d," which sum was ultimately paid by the small boy's father by whom the tale was told.

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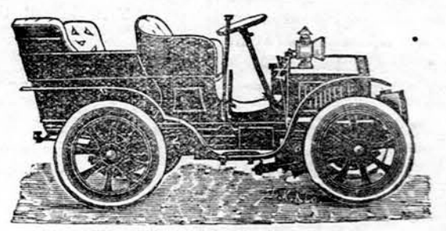
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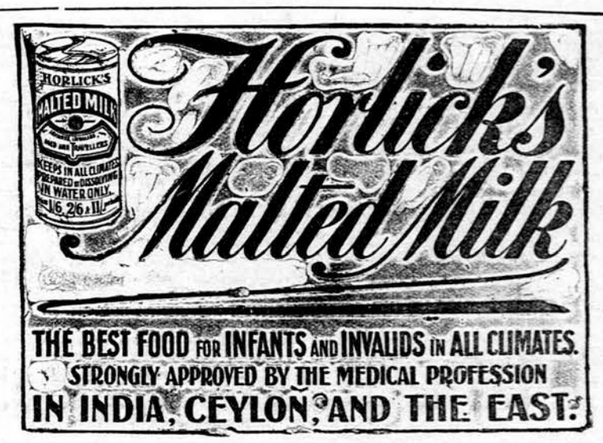
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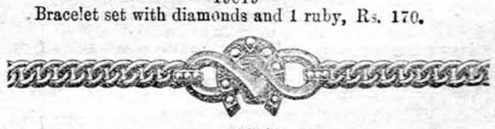

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Another addition to the growing literature on the subject of Tariff Reform will shortly be issued by Mr. John Long. The work is entitled "Chamberlain and Chamberlainsm," and is a closely reasoned review of Mr. Chamberlain's Colonial Policy and Fiscal Proposals. The author, Mr. Bartholomew Smith, while admitting that the present policy of Free Trade is one-sided, and needs enquiry and possible revision, argues that the remedy is not to be found in retaliation and perferance but in the cultivation of trade relations with the three hundred and fifty millions of His Majesty's coloured subjects. The author makes out a good case, and his work is a useful contribution to the Fiscal controversy.

Mr. Halliwell Sutcliffe's many readers will be interested to hear that he is to be married. His fiancee is Miss Mabel Cottrell, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. M. Cottrell, of Fairholme, Cambridge Park, Twickenham, and the wedding will take place next month. Mr. Sutcliffe, whose new novel of the Yorkshaire moors appeared the other day, has been on a visit to Devonshire.

The lady who came into literary fame as the writer of Elizabeth and her German Garden, is still little known by name. She lives on the shores of the Baltic, and she has written a new book, the scene of which is laid there. It is called The Adventures of Elizabeth in Rugen, this being an island in the Baltic. The book which Messrs. Macmillan will publish soon, is in Elizabeth's familiar vein of keen observation and lively humour.

An issue in pocket-size of Dr. Masson's edition of De Quincey's Opium Eater, should be welcome. It is announced by Messrs. Black who have also in hand a special edition of Scott's Lady of the Lake. It will be an addition to the group of illustrated books which they have been publishing. Some of the pictures are in colour from originals by Mr. Sutton Palmer. It would appear as if the vogue in colour books is to last.

Mr. Geoffrey Drage, who sat in the last Parliament for Derby, and contested Woolwich against its present Member, has written a book on "Russian Affairs." It is an account and examination of the prent internal state of Russia, derived from personal acquaintance with the country. Political questions and the economic problems connected with agriculture, industry, commerce, and finance in European and Asiatic Russia are dealt with. In particular, M. de Witte's budgets are carefully analysed, and the book, which Mr. Murray announces, closes with an account of the relations of Great Britain and Russia in the Near, Middle, and Far East.

The volume on Sussex which Mr. E. V. Lucas has written for the Highways and Byways Series, will be published at once by Messrs. Macmillan. It is written with the sympathetic charm of manner which is familiar in Mr. Lucas's essays on outdoor life and scenes. He treats fully of the literary associations of the country and of its historical, social, and architectural aspects. His enthusiasm is greatest for its downs and sea-girt southern boundary, which he regards as the crown of the country's scenery. He is fortunate in having the volume illustrated by Mr. Frederick Griggs.

Mr. Hall Cain, who has left London for St. Moritz, was able to assure his friends that the reports of his general breakdown have been greatly exaggerated, and that there was nothing amiss with him save insomnia and a certain amount of exhaution through overwork. To some extent this period of enforced rest will delay his new novel and the drama founded upon it, which were arranged to appear in the early autumn. Mr. Hall Caine has written to his constituents in the Isle of Man offering to retire from his membership of the Manx House of Keys.

A book of French memoirs, dealing with the period before the Revolution, is being issued for the first time in English. It has been translated by Mr. Colquhoun Grant, and will be published by Mr. Murray. The book tells the story of the Marquise de Crequy, who was a notable figure in French society. It is as a picture of it, and of the influences which led to the Revolution, that the work has a value even to-day.

With the turn of the year publishers begin to think about sixpenny novels for summer reading. It is then that they find their great sale, but naturally they must be ready well in advance. Two interesting sixpennys are announced by Messrs. Newnes, The Cardinal's Snuff Box and The Ms. in a Red Box. With the first-named story Mr. Henry Harland came into his own as a popular novelist, and the mystery of the other book, and its solution, are recent.

Mr. G. R. Sims has a happy preface in his forthcoming volume Young Mrs. Caudle. It runs:—To my wife who wonders where on earth I found young Mrs. Caudle. Recalling that the original Mrs. Candle was a lady of middle uge, Mr. Lims adds. The present Mrs. Caudle (the name was good-humouredly bestowed upon her by her patient husband) is quite a young lady. The book, which Messrs. Chatto are publishing in ten days, consists of humorous sketches.

An abridged and cheaper edition of the valuable Verney Memoirs is announced by Messrs. Longman. It is compiled from the four volumes which were published between 1892 and 1899. They treated of the fortunes of the Verney family during the time of the Civil War and the Commonwealth, and from the Restoration to the Revolution of 1688. Altogether the memoirs, which will now be made generally accessible, throw much light upon the history of the seventeenth century.

The authorship of Collections and Recollections, which has gone through six editions as an anonymous book, is set at rest by the seventh. On its title-page there appears the name of Mr. G. W. E. Russell, who also writes an interesting new preface. He tells us that he began to keep a regular diary on August 13, 1865, when he was only twelve years old. Several attempts at diary keeping I had already made and abandoned. This more serious attempt was due to the fact that a young lady gave me a manuscript-book, attractively bound in scarlet leather; and such a gift inspired a resolution to live up to it.

It is many a year since Mr. Russell's scarlet diary was laid aside, but it has had a long line of successors. When he used to visit Mr. James Payn, in his later years of ill-health, he would tell him anything interesting or amusing which I collected from the reperusal of my diary. Greatly to my surprise, he urged me to make these Collections into a book, and to add to them whatever Recollections they might suggest. Such is the history of the volume about which Mr. Russell says that it has brought him many friends, and that—One story at any rate elicited the gracious laughter of Queen Victoria.

Messrs. Methuen have in preparation, under the direction of Mr. Sidney Lee, a new collection of classical literature, on a plan which does not seem to have been attempted in a systematic way either in this county or in America. They propose to issue under the title of "Methuen's Universal Library," at a very low price, and at short regular intervals, a carefully printed series of books of classical repute comprising not only accessible works, but also some rarer volumes of which no cheap editons exist. It is hoped that the library may bring in due time all the best literature of England and of other nations within the reach of every class of reader. Efforts will be made to make textual accurary as notable a characteristic of the new venture as cheapness, completeness, and typographical clearness.

Two volumes of "The Stones of Venice" will appear next month in the Library Edition of Ruskin.—"The Sons O'Cormac," a volume relating to Irish legends, is appearing with Messrs. Longman. It is by Mr. Aldis Dunbar.—Mr. Churton Collins' "Studies in Shakespeare," a book which has been preparing for some time, will be issued next month by Messrs. Constable.—Messrs. Cassell announce a volume in which the Cobden Club will reply to Mr. Chamberlain's speeches on the fiscal question.

The most notable biographical book of the month will be the "Life of Dean Farrar." It has been written by the Dean's eldest son, Dr. R. A. Farrar. The publishers are Messrs. Nisbet and Co.

A new magazine is to be founded which will express the aspirations of Young Ireland. It will be published by Messrs. Hodges, Figgis, and Co., of Dublin, and has already secured promise of assistance from Mr. W. B. Yeats, Dr. Douglas Hyde, and Lady Gregory.

The veteran Mr. George Jacob Holyoake will shortly publish through Mr. Fisher Unwin a continuation of his Sixty years of an Agitator's Life; the title will be Bygones worth Remembering. The book will include an amusing account of his experiences on the day of the great Chartist scare.

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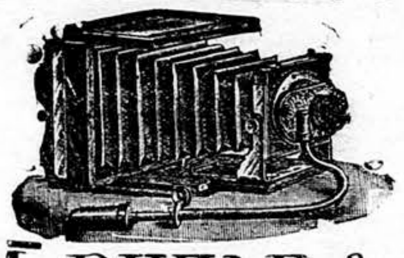
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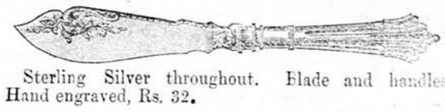
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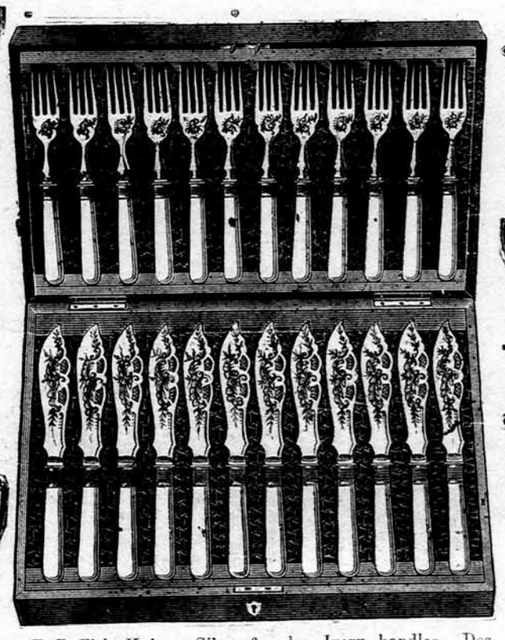
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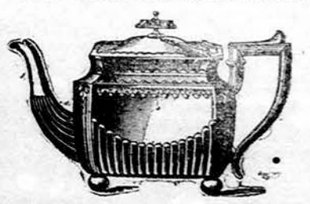
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